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Priscilla Valentine kisses Snort after she successfully completed a trick during a performance by Valentines Performing Pigs at the annual Strawberry Fruit Festival in late June. The pigs entertained children and adults alike in Red Square with all kinds of piggish antics.

SEPTEMBER

September 10, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series
Thomas Joyce, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 15-17

Anacortes Jazz Festival
Port Warehouse and Curtis Wharf
Sponsored by KPLU

September 18, 7:30 p.m.

David and Marilyn Knutson Lecture
"The Global Christian Energies Move South"
Martin E. Marty, Ph.D.
Chris Knutzen Hall

September 19, 8 p.m.

Regency Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 22, 3:30 p.m.

Masterclass: The Art of the Audition with
guest soprano Holly Boaz and pianist
Shelby Rhoades
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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pianist Shelby Rhoades
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September 23, 3 p.m.

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Ashton Thatcher, pianist
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MBA Executive Leadership Series
Marshall Witt '87, VP/controller, FedEx
Morken Public Events Room

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Diana Walker, faculty pianist
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Through November 12

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Swedish Heritage
Paintings by Niklas Aronsson
Scandinavian Cultural Center

Through November 12

Children of the
Heavenly Father
Photographs by Kristine Leander
Scandinavian Cultural Center

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Camas Wind Quintet
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October 3, 14, 19, 10 a.m.

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Scandinavian Cultural Center

October 6-8

Homecoming Weekend

October 10, 6 p.m.

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Sheri Flies, Costco corporate counsel
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October 10, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra Concert I
Guest artists Francine Peterson, bassoonist,
and Craig Rine, clarinetist
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October 12, 5 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Asian Art Museum

October 14, 3 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra Invitational
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 15, 3 p.m.

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Paul Tegels, faculty organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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here & now



Patricia O'Connell Killen, professor of religion and a noted campus leader, addresses the campus community. She was appointed acting provost in May.

Killen named acting provost

Patricia O'Connell Killen, professor of religion, was appointed acting provost and dean of graduate studies.

Killen replaces James Pence, who is pursuing a new vocation of service. After consulting with the deans and faculty chairs to determine the best person to fill the role, President Loren Anderson said it ultimately came down to who heard the call to serve.

"Patricia O'Connell Killen heard the call louder than others," Anderson said. "Patricia's remarkable record as a teacher, scholar and educational leader has prepared her well for the acting provost position."

Killen's goals for the year include creating a more vibrant and visual academic community and strengthening the academic culture by encouraging faculty and staff development and interdisciplinary collaboration, she said.

A member of PLU's faculty since 1989, Killen is widely published, including two award-winning books. She has been actively involved while at PLU, including service as faculty chair, rank and tenure chair, co-director of the Wild Hope Project, and a contributing writer to PLU 2010, the university's long-range plan.

In addition to Killen's appointment, the university welcomed over 50 new faculty members this fall, including 17 in tenure-track positions. Many divisions will see new faces in the class-

room this year. To view a list of new faculty, visit www.news.plu.edu/newfaculty.

School of Business redesigns MBA program; new dean named

The School of Business has seen several changes this summer, most notably the redesign of the MBA curriculum and the arrival of dean Andy Turner '73.

Turner comes to PLU after a successful career in private industry. He is no stranger to PLU. He was an assistant professor of business here from 1976-1983 and served on the university's Board of Regents from 2003-2006. He earned his doctorate from the



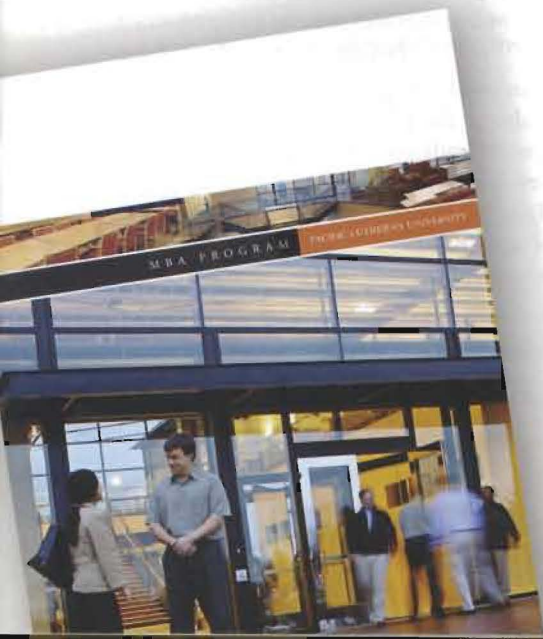
Andy Turner '73 is the new dean of the School of Business.

Wharton School of Business.

Turner's initial priorities will include overseeing the implementation of the new MBA program, developing a long-range strategic plan for the school and strengthening its position in the Puget Sound and beyond.

The new MBA curriculum features three areas of emphasis: technology and innovation management; health care management; and, entrepreneurship and closely held business.

The program has changed from a four-credit model to a three-credit model, with 45 credits required to graduate, down from 48 under the old program. The PLU MBA is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB International), and is the only part-time program in the West that requires international study. The international study is integrated with coursework in global business perspectives and may be completed at any time during the 20-month program.



"For years, academia was lagging behind industry in training and cultivating future leaders – innovation was not happening in school, but in the workplace," Turner said. "With the new coursework, the international component and faculty with strong industry experience, our new program addresses those issues."

All the courses in the program are newly designed and include an emphasis on technology that takes advantage of the advanced design of the new Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

Inaugural Knutson lecture features prominent Lutheran scholar

Martin E. Marty, distinguished service professor emeritus of the University of Chicago, will deliver a lecture titled "The Global Christian Energies Move South," during the inaugural David and Marilyn

Knutson Lecture on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Chris Knutzen Hall in PLU's University Center.

Marty will address one of the three greatest power shifts in all of Christian history – the rapid growth of Christianity in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Marty will explore the meaning for Christians around the globe of the fact that the greatest vitality in Christianity today exists among people who did not grow up with the background of Greek philosophy, Roman government or "free market" wealth. He will discuss what Christians might learn through intercontinental confessional interaction, especially with regard to how these new Christians view nature, read the Scriptures, worship and understand the Christian life.

Marty has taught at the University of Chicago since 1963, and is the author of more than 50 books and 5,000 articles on the history of Christianity. He is also an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Nicole Melius '01 is one of four PLU alums to receive Fulbright awards this year.

Four alums receive prestigious Fulbright awards

Nicole Melius '01, Amanda Olson '06, Elizabeth Jacobson '06 and Dana LaCuran '06 recently received Fulbright scholarships for study overseas this fall.

Melius will travel to Germany and Olson, Jacobson and LaCuran will go to Austria, all to teach English through the Fulbright's teaching assistantship program.

The quartet brings the total number of PLU students to receive the prestigious Fulbright Award to 71. Retired professor Rodney Swenson coordinates the program through PLU's Wang Center for International Programs, helping students tailor their applications and answering questions.

The Fulbright Program was founded in 1946 to promote "international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science."

Reception to mark arrival of Cady collection

The collected papers of American writer Jack Cady, one of the Northwest's most distinguished, were presented to PLU this spring.

Cady, who taught writing at PLU from 1984 to 1998, died of cancer in January 2004. The collection, given by his wife, writer Carol Orlock, will be housed in Mortvedt Library on campus. A reception celebrating its arrival is planned for October 24. Memoirist, poet and essayist Stephen Kuusisto, whose best-selling memoir "Planet of the Blind" has been featured on National Public Radio, will speak, and read from his new memoir, "Eavesdropping: A Life By Ear," published this fall.

Cady authored nine novels and several collections of short stories, many featuring characters haunted by the ghosts of history and environment. He received numerous literary honors for his work, which includes "Ghosts of Yesteryear," "The Hauntings of Hood Canal," "Inagehi," "The Night We Buried Road Dog," "The Off Season," "Street," "The Man Who Could Make Things Vanish," "McDowell's Ghost," "The Jonah Watch," "Singleton," "The Sons of Noah" and "Tattoo."

The Jack Cady Promise Scholarship Fund has been established at PLU to benefit students in the Rainier Writing Workshop MFA program. Gifts may be made to the fund through the Office of Development.

New project manager has busy summer

Major construction projects were launched on campus this summer, including the renovation of Pflueger Hall and planning for next summer's renovation of the University Center.

A new position, construction projects manager, was created to handle the large number of projects. John Kaniss joined PLU in April. A Florida native, Kaniss' past experience includes management of construction projects for both the public and private sector.

Major projects this summer included completely gutting Pflueger Hall and fitting the building with energy-efficient windows and updated plumbing, electrical and heating systems. The building was also updated to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The renovation of the UC should be complete by August 2008, Kaniss said. Dining Services, meeting rooms and offices, and building systems will all see improvement, he added.



New heating units were installed during the renovation of Pflueger Hall this summer.

An overhaul of Eastvold Auditorium is also in the planning phase. The timeline depends on the completion of a new home for KPLU-FM, PLU's National Public Radio affiliate station, because KPLU offices are currently housed in Eastvold, he said.

Morken Center earns LEED gold certification

The Morken Center for Learning and Technology received gold-level certification in the U.S.

Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program in July.

The gold-level rating has been achieved by only a handful of projects in the state of Washington, and PLU is Washington's first independent college with a LEED gold building.

Design features that contributed to the gold rating include the fact that virtually every room in the building – both interior and exterior – has access to natural light.

More important is the Morken Center's cutting-edge geothermal heat-pump system that regulates the building's temperature without the use of fossil fuels.

Other features that contributed to the building's certification include: over 90 percent of the construction waste was recycled; concrete floors require no chemical cleaning products or waxes; waterless urinals in the men's bathrooms save thousands of gallons of water per year; and stainless steel siding and roof tiles are long-lasting and "heat neutral," meaning they don't create islands of sweltering heat over the building like traditional black-topped roofs.

The Morken Center is home to PLU's School of Business, Department of Mathematics, and Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering. To learn more about the building's sustainable features, go to www.plu.edu/morken/fact-sheet.html.

Alumnus named to congregation relations post

The office charged with strengthening and maintaining a strong relationship between the university and Lutheran congregations in the Pacific Northwest is under new leadership.

G. Lee Kluth '69 became director of congregation relations July 1.

"I'm enjoying my new role. I have a new-found passion and enthusiasm for telling the PLU story to longtime



Board of World Missions. Lee then

friends, new friends and even people I have yet to meet," Kluth said.

Kluth and his wife, Pam (Bach) Kluth '69 both taught English in Japan for three years for the ELCA

enrolled in Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1976.

He has served in four parishes in the Puget Sound area, most recently at Trinity Lutheran Church in Everett, Wash. The Kluths have four adult children.

Contact Lee Kluth at 253-535-7424 or kluthgl@plu.edu. [S]

ACCOLADES



A national foundation for the advancement of science has awarded two PLU professors with substantial grants for research conducted in collaboration with students. **Myriam Cotten** and **Paul Davis**, both chemistry professors, have received funding from Research Corporation. Cotten and Davis were among 84 grantees in the U.S. and Canada. Cotten received \$42,000 for her work with antimicrobial compounds found in fish. Davis received \$45,610 for work on detection of performance-enhancing drugs.

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust awarded **Ann Auman**, assistant professor of biology, \$36,000 for her analysis of microbial communities in tree canopy soils of the southern Washington Cascades.

Ed Inch was named dean of the School of Arts and Communication in May. Inch joined the PLU faculty in 1986 and served as acting dean of the department from 2003 until his appointment as dean this spring. Inch has held several important faculty and administrative positions at PLU and in professional associa-

tions. Most recently, Inch has been involved in helping to create the strategic plan for global education, plans for the renovation of Eastvold Hall and major curriculum reforms in the School of Arts and Communication. He is also the president of the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

Poet **Kathleen Flenniken**, a current student in the Rainier Writers Workshop / Master of Fine Arts program at PLU, recently won the Prairie Schooner Award for her first book of poetry, titled "Famous," to be published this September by the University of Nebraska Press. Flenniken was also recently awarded a \$20,000 literary fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

KPLU-FM won first place for its programs "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" in the Society of Professional Journalists' 2006 Pacific Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition. Reporters **Kirsten Kendrick** and **Jennifer Wing** won a second place award in investigative reporting, while **Keith Seinfeld** took second in the general news category and, along with **Paula Wissel** and **Bellamy Pailthorp**, also won a second-place award in the documentary category. **Austin Jenkins** received awards for his coverage of Washington state politics from Olympia.

life of the mind

Ghostwritten

AN ESSAY BY JENNIFER CULKIN

Here's the story. As a warm-up for an interview, in a kind of playful spirit, I was asked last week to write a poem that contained my name. It wasn't deadly serious; it wasn't meant to be the road not taken or beasts slouching toward Bethlehem. Still, when I saw the request, I groaned a little. I'm not much of a poet. My husband suggested, only half-kidding, that I ask a poet friend to ghostwrite it for me.

But when I thought about my name, before I even considered what amusing little edifice I might construct around it, it was Joanna I heard. She wasn't calling me, exactly, nothing as voodoo as that. There was just the soft mental echo of my name as she used to say it, her accent in my ear. A murmur across a void of years.



I CAN STILL SEE her. Somewhere in the ether, it is still 1988, a spring afternoon, and Joanna is my scheduled admission who has just arrived. She's standing by the desk inside the double doors of the pediatric bone marrow transplant unit. She is all eyes, not much hair. A wisp of a thing, four years old. Her scalp gleams through the fragile black fuzz growing back after her last course of chemo.

She doesn't look in my direction. As I walk down the long, gray hall toward her, she hops from one foot to the other and fidgets with her hands. She stares off into the space above the unit secretary's head.

As with any admission, I know a few bare facts about her. Acute lymphocytic leukemia, and she has already relapsed after one transplant. This will be her second. The donor marrow will be sucked from the hips of her sister, a different sister this time than last. It's not quite conscious—twenty other things compete for my attention—but my gut twists a little as it calculates her chances of surviving and thriving.



She's scared, I decide, as I try to gauge the expression on her face. Who wouldn't be? She's been through it once already; she knows the score. These are her last few minutes in the outside world. I'll walk her down the hall, the door of her sterile laminar-flow room will snick shut behind her, and there'll she'll stay, until her sister's marrow floats to the center of her tiny skeleton and makes itself at home.

Over the next ten days, chemo and radiation will obliterate her own bone marrow, and along with it, her leukemia. Or at least, that's the plan. Then she'll receive the transplant itself, infused into a vein, an innocuous bag of what looks like plain old blood. And after that, the long, breathless wait for her cell counts to rise like a phoenix from new, engrafted marrow.

But blood cells fight infection. They carry oxygen and clot wounds. Before she

engrafts, when her own marrow is gone and she isn't making any cells of her own, infection could kill her. She'll develop bruises; she'll become anemic and exhausted. In her immediate future, then, dozens of blood products and potent IV drugs, so many there is barely enough time in a twenty-four hour day to infuse them all.

Sores will open up from inside of her mouth right through to her intestines. She won't eat for weeks. There'll be omnipresent nausea, bottom-scraping vomiting—scant teaspoons of stomach acid and bile.

At least three weeks in the room. Probably more. And submerged beneath the surface of the days, like undertow, the thought that she might never leave it.

There's no way to put a good spin on any of this, I'm thinking, as I startle her from her reverie with my approach. She looks up, her dark eyes huge, and some-

thing in me braces itself, as for impact. I'll be spending all my workdays with her for as long as it takes.

I bend down to shake her hand. "Hi, Joanna," I say. "I'm Jennifer. I'm going to be your nurse."

But then she grins. Her teeth—still baby teeth, after all—are a white surprise in the brown of her face. Her eyes crinkle up at the corners. They're an elegant Pacific-Islander shape.

"Jenneefa," she says, brushing my name with the tropical music of the Philippines. "I'm happy to meet you." She covers my hand with both of hers. It's a gesture she shares with her mother, Verna, who excuses herself to take care of some paperwork downstairs. I already wish my social skills were as good as hers. I pick up her belongings and we amble down the hall. Joanna leans in, companionable, her head at my waist. She chatters about the new toys in her bag—all bright plastic that can be wiped down with antiseptic solutions. She tells me about her brothers and sisters. They're a large, Catholic family, a good thing when you need multiple transplant donors. I scrub, mask, gown and glove as she talks, before we enter her room. Neither of us notices the moment when the door swishes shut behind us.

She changes into the sterile pajamas I give her, still talking about her cat, and afterward clambers up on the bed to claim it as her trampoline. She gets impressive loft out of a lumpy hospital mattress.

The transplant rooms are set out in a row, like the rooms in a railroad flat, with windows between them. As she jumps, she makes faces through the window at the boy in the next room, a seven or eight-year old who has already received his transplant and is waiting for engraftment. He's blonde, with spikes of hair sticking up every which way, and the greenish pallor of the transplant process is upon him. He's got just enough energy to work the controls on a video game. But he waves and sticks out his tongue, the beginning of a silent friendship across plate glass, between two kids who will never meet face to face.

I'm banging about in the room, setting up IVs, stowing things.

Joanna whirls around in the air to face me. "My mother says I need a meeracle, Jenneefa," she confides between bounces, laughing a little. Matter-of-fact.

And she does need a miracle. The cancer cells that bloomed again and again in the dark of her bones saw to that, imploding early hopes for her, middle hopes. The endgame is upon us.

"I know, honey," I say.

She nods, satisfied.

Weeks later, Joanna's mother rises from her bedside chair; she blocks the doorway as I turn to rush out of the room. Alarms I'm responsible for are trilling and chirring outside, the sounds exploding in my own neural net. I make handle-the-alarms-for-me gestures to a colleague through the window, and force myself to stillness.

Joanna is a slight, white bundle in the bed between Verna and me, asleep. The spring in her legs is a memory.

Transplant received, engraftment awaited. No phoenix as yet arising from the ashes. The phoenix is a little overdue.

"I dreamed last night that the Virgin was holding Joanna in her arms, Jenneefa," Verna says. "What do you think it means?"

Her dark eyes—Joanna's eyes once removed—are on me above her mask, trained like gun barrels. She doesn't blink.

What I think: oh-oh.

What I feel: some version of eternity, hanging in the balance.

What I say (could it ever, ever be enough?): "If the Virgin is holding Joanna, Verna ... it can't be a bad dream."



IN 1989, AFTER I had moved on from the bone marrow transplant unit, my mother invited me to a May procession. She was herself a believer in the Virgin. She frequented a Filipino Catholic parish; she liked the simple fervor she found there, its warmth. It was as close as she could come, on the West Coast, to the flavor of the Italian parishes of her youth in Boston.

In the May procession, a statue of Mary, crowned with flowers, is carried aloft through the streets; parishioners follow behind, praying and singing. They carry candles.

A religious procession—it's not my thing at all. But my parents were singers, and I spent my youth in their choirs. I like to sing. And my mother had the knack of turning any outing into a good

time. So my mother and I lit our candles from the same votive at the church, and trudged out in the wake of the statue.

As we rounded a corner, I saw Joanna. I wasn't expecting her. After she engrafted, after the day—the thrilling, hopeful day—that she emerged from the transplant room and I hugged her goodbye, I had lost track of her. But there she was, leaning out from the second-floor window of an apartment building. She was still in pajamas at two o'clock in the afternoon, watching the parade. And she still didn't have much hair; she looked tired, tiny, a little bloated. She wasn't smiling.

What I felt: a shadow.

"Joanna!" I yelled across the crowd.

Never underestimate the numbers of Filipino parishioners who will turn out for a May procession. The atmosphere was carnival; it was Mardi Gras.

I saw her start, saw her scan the crowd. I waved my arms as a current of humanity swept me to the far shore of the street, but she never caught sight of me. Then she winked out of the window.

That's all I know. But I think, somehow, that this is her poem. □

About the Author

Jennifer Culkin RN BSN CCRN is an essayist and fiction writer. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, she graduated from Russell Sage College, Troy, New York in 1979 and embarked on a bicoastal career in neonatal and pediatric critical care, high-risk obstetrics and emergency flight nursing. Though long of tooth (and wattle) to be a student again, she is pursuing the MFA in Creative Writing at Pacific Lutheran University and is currently at work on a collection of personal essays infused by her experiences in medicine. When she is not in the ICU, she is at her desk in her Bainbridge Island, Washington home, a testosterone-rich environment she shares with husband Howard and young adult sons, Kieran and Gabriel. An emerging writer of the most prokaryotic sort, she has published essays in *Stories with Grace* and *The 2006 Jack Straw Writers Anthology*, where "Ghostwritten" first appeared. She received both an honorable mention for fiction and third place for nonfiction in the 2005 Student Writing Contest at The Atlantic. Her work will be featured on Seattle NPR-affiliate KUOW's "Radio Intersection" and is forthcoming in *The Georgia Review*.



A tribute from the campus community in celebration of the life of William O. Rieke

BY PRESIDENT LOREN J. ANDERSON

(An adaptation of remarks delivered at the April 28 on-campus service of remembrance and celebration for President Emeritus William O. Rieke, who died April 22 after a courageous battle with cancer.)

William O. Rieke lived a remarkable life. Seventy-four years so rich and full that his time cannot be adequately captured in a few words or with a few photographs. Here we offer only a brief glimpse of the man and his time, a glimpse that surely sparks our memories of one who fully engaged the world twice, leaving it changed for the better each time.

In 1975, Bill, Joanne and family were living in Kansas. Bill was in his fourth year as vice chancellor for health affairs and professor of anatomy at Kansas Medical Center. His appointment there in 1971 brought him to the very top of his field in medical education, capping a distinguished and meteoric career. It began with graduation summa cum laude from PLU in 1953, and a University of Washington medical degree with honors in 1958. Award winning teaching, cutting edge research and administrative success followed. It is truly an amazing record, a resume of pride for all Lutes.

Also in 1975, PLU was searching for a new president. Bill Rieke was obviously ready and qualified for such a position, but his great success in his chosen field of medical education rendered him a highly unlikely candidate. Indeed, Phil Nordquist, in PLU's centennial history, "Educating for Lives of Service," writes that a medical school colleague of Bill's observed, "I do not understand why he would ... move from the position he holds ... to become president of such a small university." But Bill – and no doubt Joanne as well – saw it differently, "I would consider being president," Bill wrote at the time, "because [PLU] gave me a quality education ... and a sense of direction for my life."

Bill Rieke did not choose PLU. PLU chose Bill Rieke, and perhaps because of the very sense of direction and life purpose refined in this place, Bill and Joanne and their family were on their way to Tacoma. Pacific Lutheran University would never be the same. In the world's eyes, it wasn't the obvious decision because it was a matter of call, it was driven by the opportunity to serve and make a difference for good. It was a decision of the heart as well as the head, of faith as well as reason, and the calculus of success that most often drives our world has difficulty understanding such choices, because the world cannot account for God's presence in our lives at such moments.

So the Rieke years began at PLU. PLU had become a university in 1960, only 15 years earlier, so when Bill and Joanne arrived the "to do list" was long. There were relationships to be built, new academic programs to be developed, first rank faculty to be hired,

money to be raised, buildings to be repaired and others to be built, and, most important, students to be mentored. Rapid in both gait and speech, and keen of wit and humor, Bill's energy and dedication to the presidential task was infectious, his oratory energized and inspired, his visions and dreams for PLU were many and bold. Phil Nordquist writes that, as a result, "Virtually all aspects of university life seemed to gather speed after 1975." And, as a result, PLU rapidly emerged as a first-rank comprehensive university with an ever stronger faculty, and a breadth and scope of academic program and quality that is the foundation of PLU today.

It is so very fitting, I believe, that the Rieke years at PLU would culminate at the time of the university's centennial, a grand celebration of PLU's first 100 years that gave voice to "educating for lives of service" as a shorthand for our collective mission and call.

Fitting, I believe, because it was right here in this place, and on this campus, and by the PLU faculty, that Bill was educated for such a life. Here he was educated for a life that would take him and his family to great heights, to unexpected places and around surprising corners, and then right back to PLU.

Here, he and Joanne would live out their vocation and, in the process, become a living representation of the mission we claim. In so doing, Bill and Joanne brought the gift of authenticity, integrity and reality to the vocation of this Lutheran university. And now, 30 years later, we continue to build our mission on that model—it is a great legacy and a huge gift, and I pray we tend it well for the future.

As we remember and celebrate Bill's remarkable journey on this earth, we will have missed the largest message of his life if we do not take the time to stop, to listen, and to hear the larger truth—that God is calling each of us, choosing us, appointing us, expecting fruit. I urge us to do so even though our search after the vocational life can be risky, it may lead us to all measure of surprising tasks, to all sorts of unexpected places.

But, in the final analysis, the vocation-led life promises us a sense of fulfillment, knowing that we have done our best to live a life of faith and service, on God's behalf. And that, my friends, is a life truly worthy of celebration. So it was for Bill, may it also be for us. S

The Ben B. Cheney Foundation recently contributed \$50,000 to the university's Rieke Leadership Fund, establishing it as a named endowment. The gift was in recognition of William O. Rieke's leadership, both at PLU and later as executive director of the foundation. Gifts to the fund, which provides scholarships for students who demonstrate leadership in promoting a multi-ethnic culture at PLU, may be made by calling the Office of Development at 800-826-0035.

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HYPOTHESIS PROVEN
IN SUMMER LAB WORK



"We get grant money to conduct the research, and they wouldn't give you money if the answer was known."

—Myriam Cotten, assistant chemistry professor.



(TOP) Students spend 40 hours per week during the summer on their faculty-led research projects. In the natural sciences division, research ranges from fertility in rats to microbial analysis of tree-canopy soil.



(BOTTOM) Senior Breanna Vollmar, a biology and chemistry double major, said studying membrane proteins with Myriam Cotten has reinforced her plans to pursue a career in research science after completing graduate school.





Paul Davis' tightly corded forearm is bisected by a rubbery yellow wristband with the word LIVE-STRONG embossed on it.

The bands have become ubiquitous, but the trend started with the Lance Armstrong Foundation as a sign of unity in the fight against cancer. Since then, its founder has faced charges that doping was a factor in his seven Tour de France championships.

Davis, an assistant professor of chemistry, doesn't take a position on Armstrong's guilt or innocence. But he and three students spent the summer researching new ways to detect performance-enhancing drugs in athletes.

Athletes use elevated levels of the body's natural chemicals to boost performance because it's hard for existing tests to definitively detect this type of doping. Davis' team used gold nanoparticles to detect elevated levels of naturally occurring chemicals. It is an approach on the cutting edge in the field.

It was one of six projects pursued by student-faculty teams in the natural sciences division this summer. Students were chosen for the intense, 40-hour-per-week program through a competitive process. What they gained for their effort can scarcely be measured.

For starters, they got paid: Grants fund hourly wages paid to students. But more importantly, students racked up hundreds of hours of "real" research quite different from the lab exercises they perform during the academic year.

Typically, undergraduates perform experiments designed by other researchers. Their goal is to replicate the results.

This summer's work was a whole new ball game. The results often yielded more questions than they answered. The outcomes were ambiguous. There was no template for what they would find.

In other words, it was exactly like being a real scientist.

"We get grant money to conduct the research, and they wouldn't give you money if the answer was known," said Myriam Cotten, an assistant chemistry professor.

Ann Auman, an assistant professor of

biology, said she loves the chance to spend so much time shoulder-to-shoulder with students, forming lasting connections. Past student researchers have invited her to weddings and graduation parties, and the experience of meeting their parents and being a real part of their lives is gratifying, she said.

"It's just nice for students to understand we're real human beings," Auman said. "Students say 'Oh, she has a Ph.D., she's written these papers,' and it's good for them to know that I still have to deal with my kid, I have bad hair days. It's fun to get to know them where they're at."

Bad hair days aside, the students agreed that the rapport with their professors greatly enhances their educational experience.

"It's really nice to have someone who will equate the levels between faculty and student," said Zach DeBoard, a senior biology major. "Dr. (Matt) Smith really tries to make things fun and develop more of a mentor relationship with us."

Davis' group broke from lab work once a week to present recently published academic papers to each other. The sessions kept them informed and provided an opportunity to spend quality time with their professor.

"This is what makes A and B flow together," senior Chris Bingham said of the exchange.

The opportunity to conduct research as an undergraduate is not unique to PLU. But the quality of the experience here is something special. Students use equipment they'd never get to touch at most large universities.

Senior Megan Bourassa said a friend doing research at a large school doesn't even know the professor in charge of her project. "She said she just sits in a lab and pipettes all day and it's really monotonous, and I'm like, 'You should come to PLU.'"

Chemistry Professor Dean Waldow and his team traveled to a national laboratory outside Washington, D.C., at the end of July to use a Small Angle Neutron Scattering – powered by a 20-megawatt nuclear reactor – in research on polymers. Time in the national lab is hard to come by, but a proposal written by

Waldow gave the students access to some of the most sophisticated equipment in the field. Similarly, Cotten's group went to Tallahassee, Fla., to use a National Science Foundation lab. A well received paper she and her 2005 research students wrote got them in the door.

Published work in scientific journals is another huge advantage for students on the research teams. And that, coupled with the other benefits of doing research at PLU, equates an informed, engaged corps of future scientists.

"I really like science and service to others, and these go hand-in-hand in the medical field," said senior Sarah Burke. "Research is a good way to get started in that field." [5]



Student-faculty research projects in the natural sciences

Who: Assistant Chemistry Professor Myriam Cotten, seniors Randy Saager, Breanna Vollmar and Christine Gordon, and sophomore Eric Gordon

What: The team researched antimicrobial peptides found on the skin of fish to determine how antimicrobial and antiviral agents can be used by people.

Who: Assistant Biology Professor Matt Smith, senior Zach DeBoard, junior Blake Hovde and sophomore Allcia Che

What: Smith's team studied how brain chemicals control ovulation in female rats.

Who: Assistant Chemistry Professor Paul Davis and seniors Cody Morrissey, Chris Bingham and Megan Bourassa

What: Gold nanoparticles were studied for use in detecting performance-enhancing drugs in athletes.

Who: Assistant Biology Professor Ann Auman, seniors Sarah Burke and Elizabeth Sloan and junior Kimberly Cotton

What: Microbes present in tree-canopy soil were analyzed for possible commercial applications.

Who: Chemistry Professor Dean Waldow and seniors Chris Hamre and Brandon Stickelmeyer

What: The team studied additives that could be used to blend different kinds of polymers together.

Who: Assistant Chemistry Professor Neal Yaklis and seniors Justin Carlson, Keane Lindblad and Daniel Jacobson

What: Yaklis and his fellow researchers worked to synthesize a variety of organic compounds that may have medicinal or biological implications.

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Dave Kohler, director of facilities management, Barb McConathy, environmental services coordinator and Lori Prall, cleaning services manager.



Waste not, want not

Sustainable living practices take root and flourish on campus

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Dave Kohler has an audacious challenge for staff and faculty at PLU: Get rid of your garbage can.

The environmentally minded facilities director will lay down the gauntlet this fall in a campus-wide campaign to boost recycling rates to new, astronomical levels.

The “Can the Can” idea, as the campaign is called, has been with Kohler for quite some time. He doesn’t have a trash can in his office, and doesn’t see why anyone else needs one, either.

“I came from a place where we were (recycling) 25 percent and I thought it was just the greatest thing,” Kohler said of his previous job as facilities director at the University of Redlands in California. “When I got here and it was 60-plus percent it kind of burst my bubble.”

An important annual event put on by

Environmental Services Coordinator Barb McConathy made Kohler realize the potential to take the recycling rate at PLU higher still.

“Barb does this ‘trash bash’ where they take a couple of trash bins from Rieke and see what percentage of trash in the bins could have been recycled,” Kohler said. “They were getting 80, 85 percent so I’m saying, okay, if everybody recycled what they could recycle, nobody needs a trash can.”

Kohler leads by example. A small, one-liter black can sits unobtrusively on the corner of his desk. In it go apple cores and other organic material awaiting deposit in the compost bin down the hall from his office. He drops other recyclables in the nearest bin on his way in and out of the office during the day. What little PLU can’t recycle – candy bar wrappers, for instance, which he sheepishly admits to generating too many of – can easily be taken to the nearest trash can.

“Can the Can” could have sweeping effects. Faculty and staff will have the

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(CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT) Students on the environmental services crew retrieve corrugated cardboard from the University Center. Barb McConathy washes trash compactor bags, which are re-used three to four times. Students unload a truckload of cardboard they collected from around campus. Student Rogelio Guzman loads flattened cardboard into the baling machine.

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opportunity to follow Kohler's example by handing over their trash cans, and from then on, forgo trash pick-up service in favor of recycling. Increasing the recycling rate will not only reduce the university's environmental impact, it will also save money: PLU currently pays by the container for garbage removal. And it will demonstrate PLU's continued commitment to "care for the earth." The environmental ethos on campus has a widespread impact on the social, economic and environmental systems at PLU, and sustainable decisions take into account the connections between these three systems. "It's all related. Instead of marginalizing the environment, I think we have to see that issues of the environment become the organizing principle within our social landscape," said Terry Tempest Williams, a well-known author and environmental advocate who spoke at PLU during Earth Week 2006.

Roots in the Northwest

The term "sustainability" has become a buzzword over the past five years. But moving towards a more sustainable society is more than a trend, it's necessary to combat global warming and the extinction of species, said Chuck Bergman,

professor of English and a founder of PLU's Sustainability Committee. "It's just sensible to start paying attention and stop running the risks blindly that we've been running," he said. "It's a quality of life issue ... When is it that you're willing to say it doesn't really cost that much more to have a cleaner life, and isn't that what I would really like to leave for my children?"

Bergman's rhetorical question is at the core of what is known as "intergenerational morality," with each generation responsible for the future impact of their actions, said Denis Hayes, a prominent local environmentalist who organized the first Earth Day back in 1970. Hayes believes that if a generation depletes a resource, like oil, they must replace it with an equal alternative, like energy-efficient solar power.

"Each generation should pass onto the next generation at least what they inherited," Hayes said.

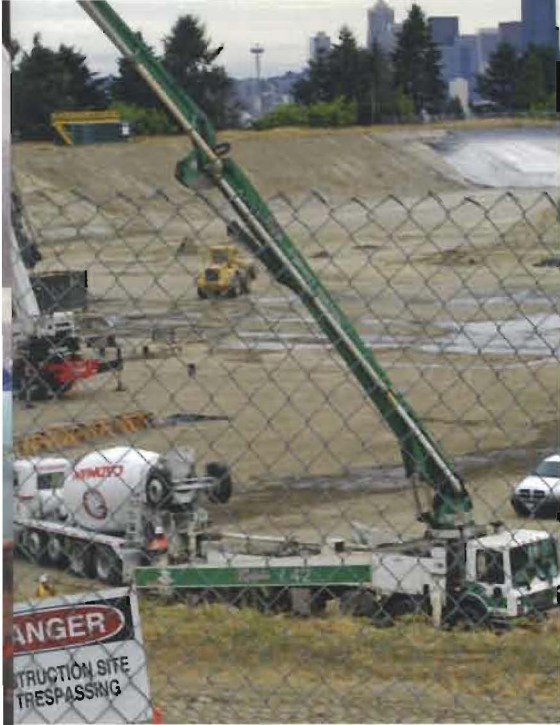
The intergenerational morality idea formed at the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, where the sustainability idea took root. The conference was the first modern international gathering that identified the relationship between economic progress and environmental stewardship.

The UN conference spurred the creation

of national commissions worldwide focused on sustainability, which in turn brought the issue to the attention of corporations. A number of businesses, particularly in the Northwest, saw the value of incorporating sustainability into their businesses and began to do it, Hayes said. "It's more than an initiative, it's a good business practice," said Chuck Clarke '71, '82, director of Seattle Public Utilities. He received his bachelor's degree in biology and his MBA from PLU.

The best business decisions look past the strictly economic cost-benefit analysis. Sustainable corporations now look at the long-term costs of a project or deal, including potential environmental remediation, social impacts and other costs not traditionally considered part of a project's budget, Clarke said.

For instance, Seattle Public Utilities decided over a year ago to begin burying its drinking water reservoirs when it recognized that open space was at a premium in the city, he said. Reservoirs throughout



Seattle Public Utilities is creating open space in the city by covering drinking water reservoirs with grass-covered concrete lids.

the city are now being enclosed by concrete lids, which are then covered with grass to create more open space for parks. The initiative doesn't "cost out" by traditional measures, Clarke explained. But over the next 10 years, it will create about 75 acres of additional open space.

"You have to think more holistically and see the consequences of your actions," Clarke said.

So what about the Pacific Northwest makes it such a fertile ground for the sustainability movement?

The people who live here tend to spend more time outdoors, and therefore, they have a direct interest in nature, Bergman said.

"(Sustainability) has gathered enormous momentum in the Pacific Northwest, and I think PLU can claim a certain kind of leadership," he said.

The most visible, but certainly not the first, sign of PLU's leadership came when President Loren Anderson signed the Talloires Declaration on Earth Day 2004.

With the stroke of a pen, PLU became the first Pacific Northwest university to commit to incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy into all aspects of the university. Composed in 1990 in Talloires, France, the 10-point action plan has been signed by over 300 universities in 40 countries.

"The sustainability movement had been gaining ground at PLU for years, and it was time we committed to promoting sustainability on campus," Anderson said. "We were already doing much of what it called for, such as integrating the concepts into the curriculum, making connections with the community and conserving our resources."

PLU's quiet march toward a more sustainable campus began long before Anderson signed the Talloires Agreement. Clarke first noticed a shift in thinking when he returned to PLU for his MBA in the late 1970s. The fundamentals of sustainability were integrated into the curriculum, teaching students to look at both the short- and long-term costs, he said.

Indeed, the concepts behind sustainable living began to take root on campus over 20 years ago but were focused mainly on the recycling program and environmental education in the curriculum, said Sheri Tonn, PLU's vice president for finance and operations. Today the interest in environmental issues has evolved beyond the curriculum and is integrated into campus operations, influencing the campus master plan and even the hiring process, she said.

Among the campus departments taking action are University Printing and Publications and Cleaning Services. The printing office prints most jobs on paper made with 30 percent post-consumer waste; admission recruiting publications are done on paper with 100 percent recycled content. Meanwhile, Cleaning Services uses only "green" cleaning products. And if faculty and staff embrace "Can the Can," the university will dramatically decrease its use of plastic trash

can liners, saving both money and resources.

Environmental Health and Safety offers a transit pass benefit to encourage employees and students to use mass transit, like the bus or train, instead of driving their own car. Benefits are also available to those who carpool, ride a bike or simply arrange to work from home periodically – anything that will reduce the number of cars on the road.

And since the completion of the Morken Center for Learning and Technology, PLU's most earth-friendly building, there is a growing consensus on campus that all future construction projects should integrate the principles of sustainable building. The building is the first one at a Washington state independent college to attain gold-level certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. (See page 6.)

"PLU is very much a place that 'does' – where actions happen, where it goes beyond the classroom," Tonn said. "And that's been very much the case with regard to sustainability."

A formal recycling system was established when the Environmental Services Coordinator position was created in 1995. McConathy, the current coordinator, "has really taken it on as a holy mission," Tonn said. By making it easy to recycle – placing recycling containers all over campus, accepting a variety of items and hiring a crew of students to sort the materials – the university's recycling rate is one of the highest in the region, McConathy said.

While McConathy would like to see a zero percent waste rate at PLU, she acknowledges that is not realistic. She is always looking for ways to reuse items, even something as simple as plants. Most of the plants lining her office windows were rescued from dumpsters. She said she looks for ways to make it easy for the campus community to follow suit.

For example, this spring PLU joined with

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Interface Carpet to recycle 3.75 tons of carpet and area rugs from the residence halls. For the first time, a specific dumpster for these items was available during spring move-out.

That’s not all McConathy collects at move-out: computers, bedding, clothing, unopened food and personal products like shampoo are donated to local charities or sold to the PLU community in monthly sales.

“We try to do the right thing for the whole environment,” McConathy explained.

Nourishing the movement

The efforts to promote sustainability on campus coalesced in the spring of 2002 with the formation of the Sustainability Committee. The committee’s strength and influence lie in its membership, which represents students, faculty and staff.

The Pacific Northwest is defined by water, so the committee decided to concentrate on improving PLU’s water conservation, Bergman said. With a grant from the Russell Family Foundation, the committee developed a comprehensive plan for water conservation on campus and integrated education about water with campus operations.

The committee worked with the campus community to develop courses and practical projects during weeklong workshops held in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Among other things, low-flow toilets were installed in residence halls and more native plants are used in campus landscaping to reduce water usage.

The committee established Sustainability Fellowships in 2003, funding two students each summer to research ways to improve sustainability on campus. Rachel Esbjornsen, a 2006 fellowship recipient, researched food sustainability.



PLU’s “green team” includes, clockwise from center Dave Kohler, Andrew Lucchesi, Karl Christophersen, Lori Prall, Ryan Donaldson and Barb McConathy.

She investigated how to bring more organic and locally grown foods to Dining Services and created a n educational outreach program to increase awareness among students.

“It’s not sustainable just eating organic or vegetarian,” Esbjornsen said. Agricultural practices of ten waste water and use harmful pesticides, and transporting the products requires fossil fuels that harm the environment. True sustainable eating is looking at how that item got to your table, she explained.

“Ideally, food should be both local and organic,” she said. “But sometimes local is better than organic because of the resources saved.”

Universal impact

In communicating the ideals of sustainability to students, PLU transmits these notions to an entire generation. It is a distinct opportunity – and responsibility.

“Where better to try and create a sustainable community than on a university campus?” Tonn said. “Universities exist in perpetuity, and they are pretty much closed communities that people come into and then go out of. So if you can instill the concepts of sustainability while on campus, those people are going to go and be leaders for the rest of society.”

The leadership in the sustainability movement is coming from – and will continue to come from – students, Hayes agreed. For students living and working in “green” spaces, the increased natural light, clean air and better climate control becomes the norm. They carry that expectation with them throughout their lives, and it influences their future decisions, he said.

So maybe getting rid of a garbage can doesn’t seem like that big of a deal. But if it makes members of the community go one step farther for the earth, it will be worth it. PLU has been quietly setting an example for sustainable living for some time – a fact not lost on Tempest Williams.

That sunny April morning before her evening speech on campus, Tempest Williams met with about 50 students in the Morken public events room. Dressed all in black with brown cowboy boots, her gray hair swept up in a chignon, Tempest Williams described a recent visit to Drury University in Springfield, Mo.

She said she listened to a Drury student present her thesis about the environmental history of her university. During the presentation, the student cited PLU as a model of sustainability in higher education, which signified the reach of PLU’s example, Tempest Williams said.

“I think you are being watched. The leadership is having an effect,” she said. “You know, I think I love knowing that PLU is right on the edge of the continent and it’s sweeping all the way across through your example.” S

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Alumni giving crucial to our future

When I was a freshman in 1970, the new University Center opened its doors. Most of us thought the area just south of the UC was a virtual wasteland. "Trust us," administrators said. "We have a plan. Trust us ... you'll like what's coming."

It took time. As the months passed, believe it or not, they were right. I came to love the natural area south of the UC. Today's Lutes simply see a beautiful area replete with majestic trees, plants, wildlife and other signs of a vibrant natural life.

The natural area was the result of thoughtful planning by PLU administrators, donors who saw a need and helped meet it, and God's gifts of life in myriad forms. Those who love PLU see the same commitment and blessing throughout the campus, in programs, students, faculty, and brick and mortar - indeed, all that makes a collection of people and buildings a community.

This past spring, we were challenged by our class representatives to do better in the alumni giving percentage. Thanks to those of you who responded. One of the goals of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors in 2006-2007 is to continue to work on increasing the alumni giving percentage.

Even the smallest gifts matter tremendously. By giving, you help PLU both directly and indirectly. The highly influential U.S. News & World Report rankings of U.S. colleges and universities depend in part on the percentage of alumni donors that give to PLU. Also, corporations and foundations capable of donating large sums of money want to see that PLU's alumni support the university through annual giving. It demonstrates to them that the university is supported by a strong community that believes in its mission and vision. In addition, by giving to PLU you help improve programs and the university's reputation for academic rigor, and, thus, boost the value of your degree.


Without the generosity of our alumni,



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Send your gift today in the envelope that came with your summer class representative mailing, answer the phone when a TelALute calls this year or go online and give your gift today! Thanks for doing your part to help us meet this important goal. I hope to see many of you at Homecoming - October 5-8! 

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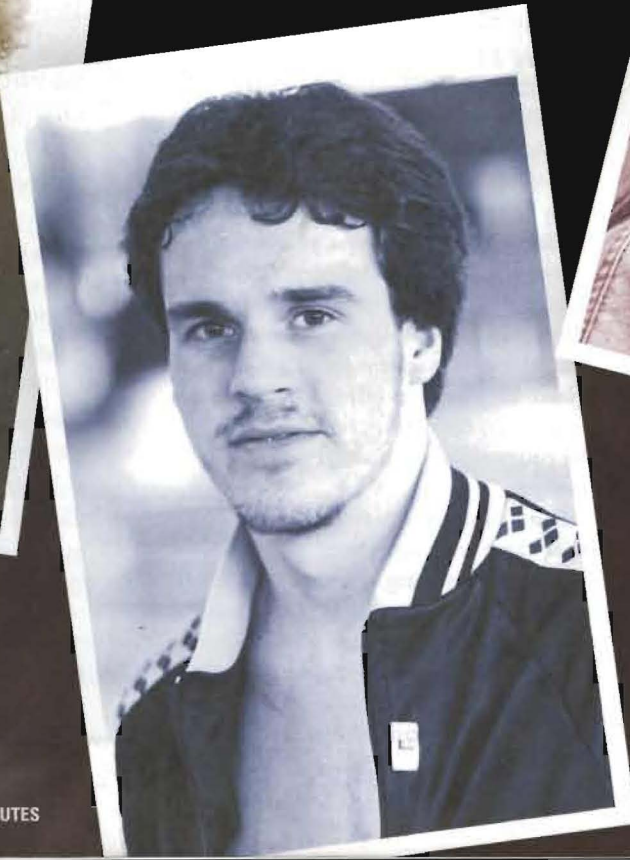
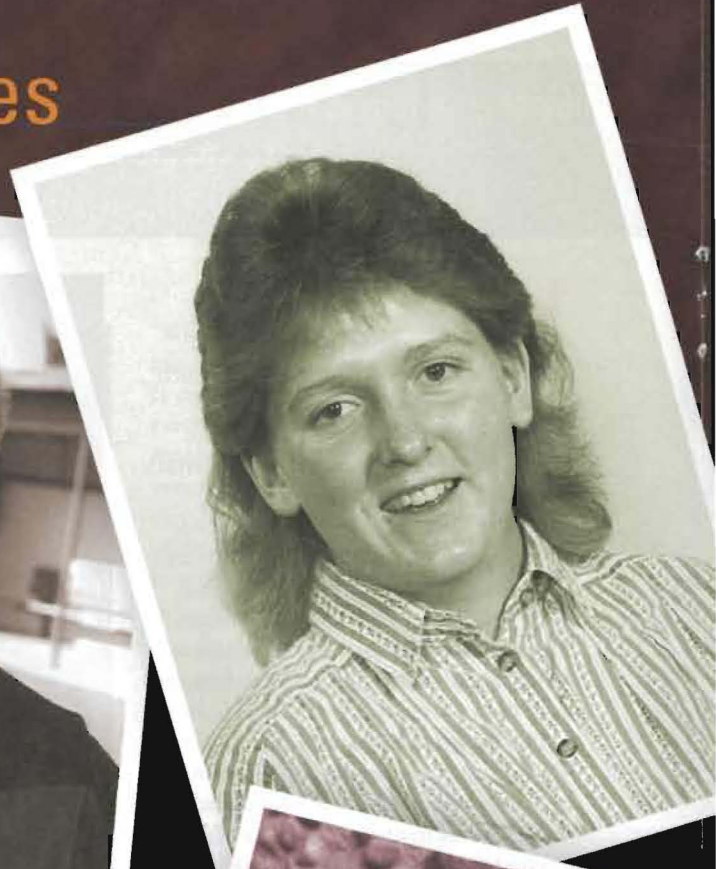
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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
Paul Hoseth, Gail Stenzel '89, Leta Baysinger '93,
Al Besette '79, John Shoup '87 and Minta Misley '88.

2006 HALL *of* FAME

Paul Hoseth

During his 38-year career at PLU, Paul Hoseth was the head track coach from 1968-82, assistant football coach from 1968-95, and athletic director and dean of the School of Physical Education from 1996 until his retirement in 2005. During his career, Hoseth coached outstanding individuals and several outstanding teams: Hoseth coached five NAIA All-Americans in track, including one national champion and 12 football NAIA All-Americans; he also led three NAIA national champion and 13 conference champion football teams. As athletic director, he led the transition in national affiliation from NAIA to NCAA Division III, coordinated fundraising efforts with the Office of Development and started the Lute Club Golf Tournament, and began the groundwork on the master plan for athletic, physical education and recreation facilities. He was named the National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors West Region Athletic Director of the Year in 2000-01, and served on the NCAA's West Region and National Football Committee for five years.

Gail Stenzel '89

Gail Stenzel '89 was the starting goalkeeper on PLU's 1988 NAIA national champion women's soccer team. She holds school records for average goals allowed in a season and for career shutouts. On her way to the career-shutouts title, Stenzel also set the record for consecutive shutouts, with 11. She was an all-conference first team selection in 1987 and 1988, was a second team all-district pick in 1987, and was named a second team NAIA All-

American in 1988. Stenzel also competed in track and field at PLU, and earned NAIA All-American honors in 1989, placing sixth in the shot put. At one time she held the school records in the discus and shot put and is in the top five all-time in both events.

Leta Baysinger '93

Leta Baysinger '93 was part of a Lute softball program that won the NAIA national championship her senior season, made three trips to the national tournament and won the Northwest Conference title all four years. She was a first team all-conference, first team all-district and first team NAIA All-American her junior and senior seasons, was selected as the NAIA National Player of the Week as a junior, and was named to the NAIA National Championships All-Tournament Team in 1992. She was also a co-winner of PLU's Senior Athlete Award in 1992. Baysinger shares the school record with eight triples in a season. In her career she hit .392 with eight home runs, 16 triples and 94 RBIs.

Al Besette '79

During his senior season at PLU, Al Besette '79 set two school records that still stand 30 years later – receiving yards in a season (1,245) and touchdown receptions in a season (18). He is also part of the longest pass play in PLU history, a 99-yard completion in 1974. Following the 1976 season, he was named to the all-conference first team, was an all-district, Little All-Northwest and All-Lutheran pick, and received NAIA First Team All-American honors. He was a three-year letterman in foot-

ball, and also competed in track and field, where he is listed in PLU's all-time top 25 in the long jump and triple jump.

John Shoup '87

John Shoup '87 is one of the all-time greats in PLU men's swimming history. During his four-year career, he set six school records, one of which still stands in the 200-yard butterfly. He won 10 Northwest Conference championships, seven NAIA Bi-District championships, and earned 20 NAIA All-America certificates. He placed nationally in the 100 butterfly, 200 butterfly, 400 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay in each of his four years. He was named PLU's most valuable swimmer three times and was twice selected as the team's most inspirational swimmer. He was the co-winner of PLU's Man of the Year in Sports award in 1987.

Minta Misley '88

Minta Misley '88 was an NAIA All-American in track and field four times and was named to the NAIA Academic All-America Team three times. She had three second-place finishes in the 1500-meter dash and placed fourth in the 3000-meter event at the national meet. PLU won the Northwest Conference title in each of her four years on the track team. As a member of the cross-country team in 1987, she helped PLU win the conference and regional titles and finish third at the national meet. Minta was named the track team's most inspirational athlete three times and was selected as PLU's most outstanding athlete in her final season. She was the inaugural winner of the Lute Inspirational Award for the 1987-88 school year.

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Tacoma sports group honors legendary Lutes

This year's Tacoma Athletic Commission Banquet of Champions quickly turned into a reunion for 26 former Pacific Lutheran University football players and their coaches as well as a groundbreaking female coach.

Those 26 Lutes were members of the 1980 PLU team, winners of the NAIA Division II national championship. The team was inducted into the athletic commission's Hall of Fame during the banquet, held June 2 at the Tacoma Dome.

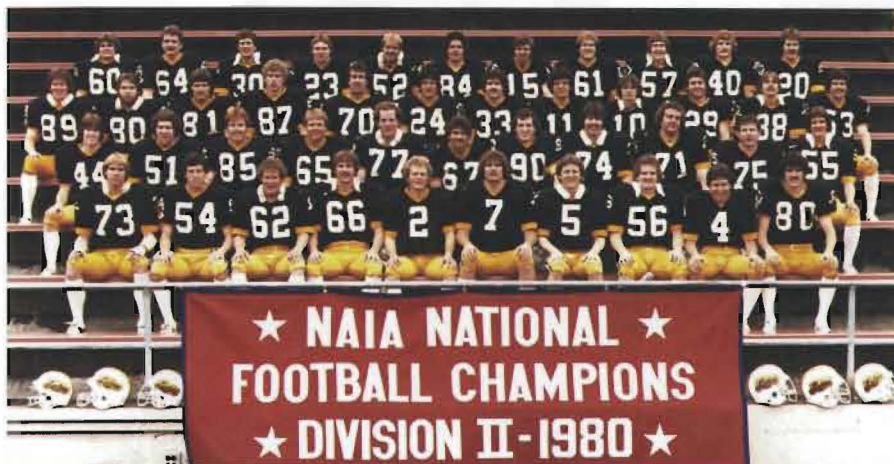
"I hadn't seen some of these guys for 25 years," said Scott Westering '82, '99, an All-American tight end on the team.

The 1980 football team was ranked No. 1 in the preseason NAIA Division II poll that year, and the Lutes lived up to the billing by winning the university's first-ever national sports title. The title was the first of four garnered by the Lute football program and fellow Hall of Fame member and former head coach Frosty Westering.

The Lutes finished the 1980 season with an 11-1 record, the only loss coming by one point to Northwest Conference rival Linfield midway through the regular season. In the playoffs, PLU defeated Linfield, Valley City State (N.D.) and Wilmington (Ohio) to claim the championship. The Lutes won the championship game 38-10. All three playoff contests were played at Tacoma's Lincoln Bowl.

Scott Westering and Scott Kessler '81 were named first team NAIA All-Americans, and Westering was also named to the Associated Press Little All-America second team. Kessler, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the quarterfinal and championship playoff games, had eight interceptions in the playoffs including a record-tying four in the championship game. Guy Ellison '82, John Bley '81 and Scott McKay '82 were named second team NAIA All-Americans while Eric Carlson '81 and Greg Rohr '82 were honorable mention picks.

The Lutes held opponents to an average of 11.0 points and 221.6 yards per



Some of the members of the 1980 championship football team came back together at the team's induction into the Tacoma Athletic Commission Hall of Fame. Kathy Hemion, a legendary female athlete and PLU coach, was also inducted during the May ceremony.

game that season, including playoff contests.

Also inducted was Kathy Hemion, who coached basketball, volleyball and softball at PLU from 1975-1984.

Hemion is considered one of the best female athletes in Tacoma history. While attending Western Washington University, she competed in basketball, volleyball, field hockey, synchronized swimming and tennis. She twice led the WWU basketball team to the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national tournament. She is now a member of the WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduating from WWU, Hemion started playing slowpitch softball, playing in the outfield for numerous league and tournament championship teams during the summer months. In 1994 she was inducted into the United States Specialty Sports Association's Slowpitch

Softball Hall of Fame in the state of Washington. She played slowpitch softball until 2000 and was also an active participant in local volleyball and basketball leagues.

During her PLU coaching career, Hemion directed the women's basketball team to a national tournament berth in 1980 and an 18-win season in 1982. She coached the volleyball team to back-to-back 20-win seasons in 1977-78, and was head coach of the softball team – which at the time was playing the slowpitch variety – for two seasons (1975-76).³

By Dave Girard



Kathy Hemion

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Lutes at PLAY!

HOMECOMING
2006

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Dinner on Broadway
5 - 7 p.m., University Center
Commons

Alumni Songfest skit practice
7 p.m., University Center

**RHA Songfest with first ever
alumni skit**
8 p.m., Olson Gymnasium

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Classes Without Quizzes
8 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., various
campus locations

Homecoming Chapel
10:30 a.m., Lagerquist Hall, Mary
Baker Russell Music Center

**Athletic Hall of Fame
Luncheon**
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Olson
Gymnasium

Campus Tour No. 1
1 p.m., meet at the clock tower

**Homecoming Fall Apple
Festival**
2 p.m., Centennial Square

Opening Gallery Reception
6-7:30 p.m., Ingram Hall

**Children's Theatre Reunion
Dinner**
6:30 p.m., Eastvoid Hall

50th Reunion Reception
7-11 p.m., location TBD

40th Reunion Reception
7-11 p.m., home of Steve '66
and Leslie Cornils

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Morken Center Open House
8:30 - 9:45 a.m., Morken Center
for Learning and Technology

Eastvoid Backstage Tour No. 1
9 a.m., Eastvoid lobby

Campus Tour No. 2
9 a.m., meet at the clock tower

**Nursing Alumni Reunion
Reception**
8:30 - 9:45 a.m., University
Center

**Into the Streets Community
Service**
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., meet in
Centennial Square

Alumni Swim Meet
10 a.m., PLU Pool

**PLU Cross Country
Invitational**
Women, 10 a.m.; men, 11 a.m.,
University Golf Course

**Homecoming Celebration
Brunch**
10 a.m. - noon, Olson
Gymnasium

We will reminisce about the many ways we play at PLU—athletics, music and student life – and then we will play all weekend long October 5-8 with special events, activities and reunions. In addition to this year's class reunions for 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001 there will be a special affinity reunion for former members of Children's Theatre.

For more information or to register please visit us online at www.plualumni.org. Call 800-ALUM-PLU or 253-535-7415 to request a registration brochure. See you soon!

PLU Soccer vs. Linfield
Women, 12 p.m.; men, 2:30 p.m.,
soccer field

Homecoming Football Game
Alumni tent: Noon - 3 p.m.
Game time: 1:30 p.m., Sparks
Stadium

Student Music Recital
1 - 3 p.m., Lagerquist Hall, Mary
Baker Russell Music Center

PLU Archives Uncovered
2 - 5 p.m., Mortvedt Library

Gallery Reception
Noon - 6 p.m., Ingram Hall

**Class of 1981 Reception and
Tours**
5:30 p.m., Morken Center for
Learning and Technology

50th Anniversary Dinner
6 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott

PLU GOLD at the Blue Olive
6 - 8 p.m., The Blue Olive

Homecoming Gala
7:30 p.m. - 12 a.m., Museum
of Glass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Golden Club Brunch
9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Morken
Center for Learning and
Technology

Waffle Breakfast
7 a.m. - 1 p.m., University Center
Commons

Campus Tour No. 3
9:30 a.m., meet at the Clock
Tower

Eastvoid Backstage Tour No. 2
9:30 a.m., Eastvoid lobby

Homecoming Worship
11 a.m., Lagerquist Hall, Mary
Baker Russell Music Center

Alumni Baseball Game
Noon, baseball field

PLU Soccer vs. Willamette
Women, 12 p.m.; men, 2:30 p.m.,
soccer field

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alumni news & events

THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE PROGRAM created compelling productions that attracted children from all over Pierce County for over 30 years. Homecoming 2006: Lutes at Play will celebrate the dedicated members of Children's Theatre with special guest Professor Emeritus Eric Nordholm. So, whether you flew across the stage as Peter Pan, sewed the costumes for Sleeping Beauty or built the set for Punch and Judy, you are invited to celebrate the great tradition of Children's Theatre at Pacific Lutheran University during this year's Homecoming weekend!



King Midas and His Golden Touch 1966

THEATRE TIMELINE

1956

Hansel and Gretel
Sleeping Beauty

1957

The Emperor's New Clothes
Flibertygibbet

1958

Jack and the Beanstalk
Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp

1959

Alice in Wonderland
Rip Van Winkle

1960

Beauty and the Beast
Rumpelstiltskin

1961

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Hansel and Gretel

1962

Peter Pan
Cinderella

1963

Toad of Toad Hall
The Elves and the Shoemaker

1964

Sleeping Beauty

1965

Runaway Nits
Heidi

1966

King Midas and the Golden Touch
The Indian Captive

1967

Jack and the Beanstalk
Flibertygibbet

1968

Peter Pan
Rapunzel

1969

Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates
Beauty and the Beast

1970

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Little Red Riding Hood

1971

The Emperor's New Clothes
Little Red Riding Hood

1972

The Lost Kiva

1972

Androcles the Lion
Pinocchio

1973

The Brave Little Tailor
Rumpelstiltskin

1974

Punch and Judy
Many Moons

1975

Winnie the Pooh
The Elves and the Shoemaker

1976

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

1978

Aladdin

1979

Riddle Me Ree
The Little Mermaid

1980

Yankee Doodle

1981

King Midas and the Golden Touch

1982

The Brave Little Tailor
Holidays

1983

The Strolling Players
The Dancing Donkey

1984

In One Basket

1985

Punch and Judy



Legacy Lutes

Each fall as we welcome new students to our campus, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations welcomes what we call "Legacy Lutes" – students whose parents graduated from or attended PLU. We recognize the dedicated support of these parents and are thrilled to keep them actively connected to their alma mater! The following list represents enrollees as of July 2006.

Kathleen Allen, Harry '76 and Susan '92 Allen

Kelly Andrews, Leonard and Pamela (Monsen '76) Andrews

Bradley Ballinger, Jay '95 and Erlynn (Tanael '83) Ballinger

Michaela Baylous, Jacque Bauman

Christopher Berglund, Mark '85 and Sandra Berglund

Dana Blank, Randall '81 and Cynthia (Nelson '81) Blank

Heather Blucher, Lucille Blucher '06

Byron Bohnen, Christopher and Eleanore (Brecht '80) Bohnen

Andrew Brandt, Thomas '75 and Anne (Hendrickson '76) Brandt

Daniel Brett, Robert '97 and Caryn Brett

Kelsey Carlson, Mike '81 and Lisa (Henninger '82) Carlson

Kirstyn Carpenter, Steven '86 and Michele Carpenter

Samuel Chentow, Stephen and Laurel (Clark '72) Chentow

Allison Clark, Mark Clark

Tina Coleman, Edward and Christine Colman

Melissa Cook, Ralph and Stephanie '82 Cook

Christina Cozart, Steve '84 and Eleanor Cozart

Grant Crichton, Chase and Jeannette Crichton

Caleb Crocco, Anthony and Karis Crocco

Katrina Csonka, Julius and Deborah Csonka

Sarah Curtis, Brian '86 and Ardys (Butt '85) Curtis

Aaron Davis, Mark '81 and Nancy (Risdal '82) Davis

Paul DiPietro, Robert and Sheryl (Golob '79) DiPietro

Brett Duzenberg, Jeffrey '70 and Karen Duzenberg

Malaika Edwards, Oliver and Mary Edwards

James Eide, Darrel '99 and Virginia Eide
Erica Ellersick, Steven '83 and Sylvia Ellersick

Nicole Ferrin, Timothy '79 and Teri Ferrin

Kevin Floyd, Shirely Floyd

Matthew Forsyth, John '80 and Joanna Forsyth

Dylan Fries, Cameron '79 Fries

Tyler Gubsch, Timothy '82 and Susan (Dalziel '84) Gubsch

Andrea Hackett, Tim '90 and Susanne Hackett and Michael and Lisa (Shafer '90) Black

Kalessa Hamilton, Susan '75 Gatch-Hamilton

Kristen Helling, Mark and Lisa Helling

Shannon Herried, William and Erin Herried

Kristina Howe, Linda Colburn

Daniel Isaacson, Thomas and Linda (Drugge '76) Isaacson

Emily Isensee, Philip Isensee '69 and Martha Maier

Erika James, Doran and Stacy James
Andrea Jensen, Bruce Jensen and Melanie Chinn

Jessica Jonas, Robert '88 and Kathryn Jonas

Nicholas Jorgensen, Douglas and Sandra Jorgensen

Stephanie Kalista, Michael '83 and Sherie '02 Kalista

Drew Konzelman, Gregor and Joan Konzelman

Courtney Laird, David and Patricia Laird

Brittany Langston, Shawn '89 and Shelley (Johnson '88) Langston

Scott Larson, Kim '79 and Cynthia Larson

Danika Lawson, David '81 and Kim (Ross '82) Lawson

Harold Leraas, John Leraas '68 and Susan Holladay-Leraas

Ian Lix, Robert Lix and Bobbi Northcott

Elisabeth Long, Daniel and Anne (Henderson '86) Long

Daniel Luebke, Glen and Cynthia (Sovereign '77) Luebke

Zoe Mandels, Jeffrey Mandels and Cheri Sorenson '75 *

Bryan McEntire, Michael '82 and Cynthia (Wolf '81) McEntire

Kelsi McLain, Cory and Janne (Leuthold '76) McLain

Ross Milligan, Kevin and Judy Milligan

* deceased

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 16-17 Alumni Board Fall Meeting
- September 20 GOLD Alumni Success Series Event
- October 5-8 Homecoming
- October 14 Tailgate Brunch in Menlo, Calif.
- October 14 Dinner with business dean Andy Turner in Menlo, Calif.
- October 28 Tailgate Party Lake Oswego, Ore.
- November 10-12 Family Weekend
- November 12 Parents Council Fall Meeting
- December 1 Christmas Concert/Reception in Portland
- December 2 Christmas Concert in Seattle
- December 3 Christmas Concert at Olson Auditorium

For more information: www.plualumni.org or call 800-ALUM-PLU.

- Erin Milliren**, Janel '84 Milliren
- Brett Monson**, Eric '83 and Lisa (Cloutier '86) Monson
- Nigel Moore**, Rick and Ann (Wait '85) Moore
- Crystal More-Payne**, Eric '00 and Heaku More
- Aaron Mosher**, Arlene Mosher
- Kayla Murray**, Terry and Lori (Andrews '81) Murray
- Marquel Mussie**, Mark and Michelle (Hopp '77) Mussie
- Erika Nelson**, Eric '82 and Susan (Allard '97) Nelson
- Laura Ohman**, Robert '73 and Danna Ohman
- Anella Olbertz**, Zenon Olbertz '71 and Molly Stuen '72
- Anne Olsen**, Bruce '83 and Pamela (Carlson '83) Olsen
- Joshua Overly**, Joel Overly and Michael and Carol Rootvik
- Kyla Paterno**, James and Peggy Paterno
- Hannah Pershall**, Douglas '75 and Susan (Ekelund '74) Pershall
- Zachary Peterson**, Barney '70 and Elaine Peterson
- Elisabeth Pfaff**, Thomas and Stefani Pfaff
- Ian Powell**, Blaine and Eileen Powell
- Jodie Rottle**, James '77 and Tanya Rottle
- Renata Rumann**, Roger and Cynthia '76 Rumann
- Heather Sager**, William '85 and Theresa Sager
- Rebecca Schlesinger**, Dan and Susan (Franks '78) Schlesinger
- Thomas Siburg**, David '80 and Patricia (Tengesdal '80) Siburg
- Asher Smith**, Kevan and Priscilla Smith
- Sophia Storaasli**, Sylvia Storaasli
- Kari Stout**, Stephen '69 and Barbara Stout
- John Terjeson**, Thomas '71 and Denise Terjeson
- Kayla Terrel**, Douglas and Ann (Spelman '85) Terrel
- David Treichel**, Daniel and Karen (Dudley '82) Treichel
- Eric Troftgruben**, Clair '78 and Janelle (Munson '77) Troftgruben
- Alyssa Van Gundy**, James and Kari (Shultz '80) Van Gundy

Picture Perfect



(ABOVE) Inga (Astrup) McAdams '54, Phyllis (Bergren) Cleven '54, Judy (Bargman) Peters '54, Marguerite (Tappero) Bloom '54, and Kathryn (Eide) Glick '55 and Karen (Hille) Phillips '55, all good friends for the 56 years since they were PLU students, meet for lunch once a month.

(LEFT) Lynn (Burchfield) '68 and Fraser Rasmussen '66, Marcia (Wake) and Tim Sherry '67, Bonnie MacMaster Andersen '66 and Mark Andersen '67, close friends since they were PLU students, often travel together around the world and most recently were on a three-week tour through France.

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(RIGHT) Tacoma Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Amy Wigstrom '96 is one of many Lutes celebrating the orchestra's 60 years in Tacoma.

(INSET) Svend Ronning '89 is the TSO concertmaster.



Tacoma Symphony Orchestra enjoys close ties to PLU, community

It wasn't long ago that residents of South Puget Sound might have been surprised to hear that Tacoma is home to a professional symphony, some 80 musicians strong.

What may still surprise some is that the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra is not only doing quite well – it is about to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

When the orchestra opens its season this Saturday, October 14, at the Pantages Theater in downtown Tacoma, it will be the beginning of a celebratory season during which both the city and orchestra can fete a long, healthy alliance – and one that seems to be growing stronger every year. During this important anniversary season, no less than 10 people who either teach at PLU or have developed their musical chops here will be a part of the performances onstage or behind the scenes.

That might be surprising, too, given that the orchestra started as a “Town and Gown” orchestra for the University

of Puget Sound, according to PLU alum, faculty member and Tacoma Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Svend Ronning '89. But times have changed – and so have the orchestra and the city of Tacoma.

“We feel that we are one of Tacoma's points of pride,” said the orchestra's executive director, Amy Wigstrom '96. “We have served – and will continue to serve – as a cultural leader.”

There is no mistaking that the resurgence of Tacoma has coincided with the recent success of the orchestra. No doubt, the two go hand in hand. A strong arts base – evidenced by the museums that line Pacific Avenue or the vibrant and diverse performances that take place at the Broadway Center for Performing Arts, for example – signals the city is thriving. And, of course, the opposite is also true.

“The TSO has been on the front end of the revitalization of Tacoma,” Ronning said. “The city continues to

gain more and more momentum. We are no longer the hyphen after Seattle.”

While the strong correlation between the orchestra's longevity and success and the resurgence of Tacoma's urban center is gratifying, there is a more tangible benefit for those who love classical music: “People from around here don't have to look to Seattle for their concert music,” Ronning said.

The orchestra's season generally includes nine to 10 performances that take place from October through May. The performances include a variety of styles, including classical, pops and a choral concert series. A holiday offering is also part of the season.

Another sign of success is how the orchestra contributes to the community. Simply Symphonic is an 11-year educational outreach program of the orchestra designed to teach South Puget Sound fifth graders the joys of learning through music.

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This past school year, more than 6,000 students took part in the program, wherein the orchestra provides teachers with months of lesson plans, concert recordings and an orchestra musician to engage the classroom with up-close performances. The program has become so comprehensive that the lesson plans meet Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) requirements in math, science, reading and communication.

According to Wigstrom, one of the most enjoyable parts of the Simply Symphonic program is the few days in May when participating students from around the region come to hear the full symphony perform live. "It's a real battery-charger," Wigstrom said of the feeling she gets when students see the musicians who played in their classroom on the big stage.

"We don't water down the music at all for the children," added Wigstrom. "And they just love it."

For more information on the orchestra and Simply Symphonic, visit www.tacomasympphonyorchestra.com.

By Steve Hansen

Lutes in the *Tacoma Symphony Orchestra:*

Sheri Bolding '05, program and administrative coordinator

Andrea Bryant '78, second violin

Cindy Iverson '86, second violin

Kevin Stirret Jones '01, assistant-principal horn

Svend Ronning '89, concertmaster (also PLU faculty)

Begin (Judd) Scarseth '04, second violin

Janis Upshall '92, principal second violin

Amy Wigstrom '96, executive director

PLU faculty and lecturers:

Saul Cline, artistic administrator

Maurice Clubb, principal bass

Paul Evans, principal tuba

Craig Rine, principal clarinet

Judson Scott, assistant-principal trumpet

Keith Winkle, second trombone



Price named Snohomish County's artist of the year

Stan Price '73 arrived at PLU as an art-lover, a passion that only intensified over time. Within one semester, he formally declared as an art major.

"I had a great time at PLU," Price recalled. "The art education is superb. I got a great education and had a wonderful time in the process."

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Price pursued a graduate degree in art at Central Washington University, then returned to PLU, where he taught glass blowing for two years.

In 1978, he accepted a caretaker position at the renowned Pilchuck Glass School in Stanwood, Wash., eventually moving into an administrative position there.

Encouraged by his wife, Colleen, Price left Pilchuck in 1979 to start a successful business, Covenant Art Glass in Everett. He spent the next 25 years doing what he calls "parent work," raising three children.

But recently, Price returned – in a big way – to creating art. In March, he was named Snohomish County Artist of the Year. Many of his commissioned pieces are featured throughout Everett and Seattle.

"Every art major's goal is to make the art history books," Price said. "Is that a realistic goal? I don't know. But hey, we are going to shoot for the stars."

By Shannon Schrecengost '09

Good advice propels Carl White into career

Alison Carl White '94 received the following advice at her PLU first-year orientation: "Take advantage of all that you have and explore who you are."

Twelve years later, Carl White is executive director of the non-profit organization Seattle Works, and the advice she received as a first-year student still applies and has helped guide her.

"It allowed me to start the evolution of who I am today," Carl White said. "It was the combination of all the experiences that provided me confidence to step into leadership positions."

Carl White's current job at Seattle Works involves connecting young adults between the ages of 20 and 30 with volunteer and social service opportunities.

"It's my responsibility to make sure the programs are running effectively and are helping us fulfill our vision of an engaged generation," Carl White said.

The environment is a good fit for Carl White, a PLU business major who has worked exclusively in community service and development since graduation.

Carl White took on another type of leadership role last May when she and her husband, Scott White, became parents to Barrett White.

"It is fantastic," Carl White said of motherhood. "I love it."

By Breanne Coats '08





Kelleher receives prestigious award from President Bush

Neil Kelleher '92 came to PLU with a mind for science. "I suppose I was a geek up front," Kelleher said. "I came out of high school thinking science and chemistry."

Kelleher's thinking was right on target. During a recent White House ceremony officiated by President George W. Bush, Kelleher received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists.

A German and chemistry double major while at PLU, Kelleher was encouraged by several instructors, among them his mother, Ann Kelleher, chair of PLU's Department of Political Science, to pursue graduate studies.

Kelleher took that advice, earning a doctorate in chemistry from Cornell University followed by two years of post-doctoral work at Harvard.

In 1999, he joined the faculty of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has since expanded the scope of his work to include biology, with an emphasis in cancer research.

"I hope to have an impact on biology like what I have been able to do in chemistry," Kelleher said. "I am moving from chemistry into cell biology and disease."

While he has enjoyed many successes, Kelleher said it all stems from PLU, and especially his mother's influence.

"I got to give props to my mom," Kelleher said proudly.

By Shannon Schrecengost '09

Computer savvy lands Lin on the sidelines of Seattle football history

Growing up in Taiwan, Jane Lin '92 said she didn't even know American football existed until the age of 12. She's learned a lot since then. Lin is now in her eighth season as an administration assistant for the coaching staff of the Seattle Seahawks.

"I know my job matters," Lin said. "That sense of accomplishment matters to me."

Lin works directly with the coaching staff. She helps with the playbook, game plans and materials coaches use in practice.

"They are really neat people," Lin said of the coaching staff. "They can draw on each others' strengths."

Before Lin worked for the Seahawks,

she worked at high-tech companies. Lin received her current position because she knew how to use certain programs, mainly Microsoft's Visio program.

"The Seahawks are technologically advanced because it's a Paul Allen company," Lin said. "Some of the other teams are more old school."

Lin received what she calls a "chance of a lifetime" last year when the Hawks earned a spot at the Super Bowl. She traveled with the team to Detroit and was part of the action.

"It was surreal," Lin said. "Of course people say, 'Hopefully, we'll go back.'"

Lin graduated from PLU with a bachelor's degree in fine arts and graphic design.

"PLU was a close-knit community and an extended family," Lin said, "which is the same as the Seahawks." **S**

By Breanne Coats '08



alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1991, 1993, 1999

1935

Eldon Anderson died May 22. After graduating from PLC, he began his career as a chemist for ITT Rayonier Pulp and Paper Company, where he held positions in both Port Angeles and Hoquiam, Wash. In 1973, he was transferred to New York, where he was a national quality control expert for the company. He retired after 46 years. Eldon was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, Wash., and loved golf, photography and travel. His benevolent spirit was evident in his generosity to his church and to PLU. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marjory; their three children, **Barbara '68**, **Jerry '70**, and **Timothy '85**; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

Marie (Johnson) Monson died in April. For most of her career, she taught in the Olympia (Wash.) School District. She belonged to the honorary teaching sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma. Her husband, Don, preceded her in death. Surviving her are her daughters, **Carolyn '64** and **Christine '69**, three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

1939

Eleanor (Englund) Olson died Nov. 18. She excelled on the debate team at PLC, but due to the Depression, she had to leave after two years. She went to work as executive secretary to the president of the telephone company in Everett, Wash. She married Rodney Olson in 1943 and they moved to a farm south of Mount Vernon, Wash., where they lived for 62 years. In 1963, Eleanor and Rodney started Olson Dairy Equipment, which serviced the farm community for several years. In 1981, they bought some business property and created Valley Farm Center. They also purchased the RV company that was on the site and have operated it as Valley RV since. Eleanor was well known for her business savvy and continued to make smart investments for her business and her family until the end of her life. She loved to travel and was an avid swimmer. She water skied until she was 70!

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

1943

Class Representative – Lorna (Rogers) Greer

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1947

Class Representative – Gerald Lider

1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1950

Class Representative – Dick Weathermon

Grace (Rasmussen) Koester died April 10. She attended PLC for two years and graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. She did postgraduate work at the University of Iowa to become a clinical therapist. After marrying Ralph Koester in 1952, she moved to Spokane, Wash., where she worked for Lutheran Family and Child Services. In 1962, they moved to Skagit County (Wash.), where she worked as a therapist for Luther Child Center in Everett. She retired in 1999 from the Burlington Edison School District, where she counseled parents and students for 22 years. Grace was a church organist for over 30 years, taught high school Bible classes, and was active in other church and community groups. She was president of her Soroptimist club three times and served on the Community Health Board and the Board of Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood, Wash. She is remembered for her great enthusiasm for life, her easy laugh and her generous spirit. In recognition of her service to others, the Compass Health children services building in Mount Vernon, Wash., was named for her. She is survived by her three children, Bruce, Phillip, and Karen, and five grandchildren.

LeRoy Strenge died March 5. Before coming to PLC, he served in the Navy during World War II. While his ship was in port in Seattle, he met his wife, Dee. He began his career in education in Tacoma in 1950 at Mason Junior High School, where he taught for nine years. While there, he also coached baseball and basketball, winning numerous championships without a losing season. Lee later taught chemistry at Wilson High School and was the science curriculum head in Tacoma for 10 years prior to retirement. During his career, he won numerous fellowships for advanced study in his field. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his family, and following sports and current events. He is survived by Dee, his son **Erik '78** and daughter-in-law, Jodi.

1951

Jack Justice died April 25. Before

attending PLC, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy. While at PLC, he played football for Marv Harshman. In the fall of 1947, Jack was the subject of a Tacoma News Tribune article – the freshman tackle with three kids! Upon graduation, he began his teaching career in his hometown Bethel (Wash.) School District, where he also co-founded the football program at the new Bethel High School. When he retired, he turned his attention to a new love, commercial salmon fishing. Jack was also a part-time homebuilder, constructing several homes in Spanaway, Wash. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **June (Bunney '55)**, their children, Gary (Molly) Justice, Sharon (Jim) Olson, and Cheryl (Bill Yorek) Dolan; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

1953

Class Representatives – Naomi (Roe) Nothstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

1954

Iver and Ginny (Grahm '56) Haugen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 14.

1955

Class Representative – Phyllis (Grahm) Pejso

Bev (Tranum) and Dick Knutzen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15.

1956

Class Representative – Ginny (Grahm) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

1957

Class Representative – Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

William Foege was awarded the 2006 Sabin Gold Medal by The Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute (SVI) on May 9 in Baltimore, Md. For 30 years, Bill has been a champion of immunization programs for children around the world and was co-founder and executive director of the Atlanta-based Task Force for Child Survival and Development. He was the speaker at PLU's commencement in May.

1958

Class Representative – Don Cornell

Thomas Reeves' eighth book, *Distinguished Service: The Life of Wisconsin Governor Walter J. Kohler, Jr.*, was published by Marquette University Press. He retired in 2001.

Gordon Hoffenbacker is the newly elected chair of the Highline Medical Center (formerly Highline Community Hospital) board of trustees. He joined the board in 1990 after two terms on the medical center's foundation board. As chair of the finance committee for two terms, Gordon helped oversee the hospital's annual budget. He has 40 years of banking experience in the Highline, Wash., community.

Louis Spry was inducted into the Tacoma-Pierce County Baseball Dildimers Association Hall of Fame for meritorious service in the summer of 2005. His nephew, **Gordon Spry '01**, was also inducted for the same honor.

1959

Class Representative – Todd Penson



Richard and Anita (Hillesland) Londgren in June marked their third year of leadership at the Scandinavian

Center at California Lutheran University, where Richard is director of the center and Anita is program director. They are also both lifetime members of the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU, where Richard served on the council for several years, one year as president. They have served on the PLU Alumni Board, are charter members of the Q Club and established, in association with Lutheran Brotherhood, an endowment at PLU for scholarships related to writing. Richard and Anita are very involved in their community, where Richard represents the Conejo Valley Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in a special Thrivent Builds program, and Anita is the president of the American Scandinavian Foundation of Thousand Oaks. Their daughters live in Los Angeles, where **Kristin '84**, operates a clothing store featuring her designs, and **Karin '85**, works for the independent films division of Paramount Pictures. Their son, Eric, is in the regional advertising department of Macy's in San Francisco.

James and Nancy (Nelson '66) Bullock are providing interim ministry at the International Lutheran Church in Seoul, Korea, as the congregation awaits the arrival of a pastor and his wife being transferred from China.

1960

Class Representative – Marilu (Miller) Person

1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

David Cameron is editor and an author of the acclaimed new book "Snohomish County: An Illustrated History," the first comprehensive history of the Snohomish County, Wash., area in over 80 years. It is published by Kelcema Books.

1965

Class Representative – David Wytko

1966

Class Representative – Frank Johnson

1968

Class Representative – Michael McKean

Ed Petersen was named to fill the remaining two years of an unexpired term on the Everett (Wash.) school board. He is the executive director of Everett's Housing Hope, a nonprofit that provides affordable housing and daycare for homeless children.

John Oakley died April 17. In 1972, he graduated from the University of Washington Medical School and did his residency in neurosurgery there. He spent two years at the National Institutes of Health before becoming a professor at the University of Arizona. There he developed an interest in the treatment of pain that continued throughout his career. In 1999, after 18 years of private practice in Seattle, he moved to Billings, Mont., where he became a partner in Yellowstone Neurosurgical Associates and the director of the Rocky Mountain Pain Rehabilitation Center. He was a sought after lecturer in the medical community and published countless articles and chapters in textbooks. John approached every aspect of his life with the same fervor as his career. He climbed mountains, flew airplanes, skied, played the guitar, sang with his wife in church choirs and loved opera. A man of deep faith, he was an active member of the American Lutheran Church. Surviving him are his wife **Shirley (Craft '69)**; their children, **John '94**, **Peter**, **Rebekah '03**; daughter-in-law **Kathy Lachata-Oakley '92**; son-in-law Jeff Robinson and two grandchildren.

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad, Jr.

1972

Helen (Huetzenroeder) Melland is the associate dean of undergraduate studies at the University of North Dakota's College of Nursing for both the

nursing and nutrition and dietetics departments.

Pamela (Weeks) Russell retired in 2002 and has become very involved with Rotary International. The San Diego and Imperial Counties District selected her to be district governor for 2008-2009. She would like to know if there are any other PLU Rotarians out there. Contact her at pamrussell@alumni.plu.edu and see what can be accomplished together.

1973

Don Kennedy and his wife, Suzanne, live on Lake Wylie, S.C. Don has been busy this past year creating database and reporting systems for both Bank of America and Wachovia. He has enjoyed following the development of PLU's computer science resources and encourages any undergraduates desiring mentoring from an old data-warrior to write him at loggersc2@yahoo.com. Suzanne has become a celebrated "foodie" and chef. They are empty nesters since their daughter, Amy, married and went to work for a national food distributor and retailer. Their son-in-law, Brandon, is becoming a celebrated regional chef.

Julie Harris became the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Martinsburg, W.V., in February.

1974

Class Representative – David Johnson

Lloyd Johnson is the president and CEO of Mainpine, Inc. of Wilsonville, Ore., an industry innovator in the global intelligent fax hardware arena. He has 25 years of executive experience, 15 of those in the fax industry. In 1990, Lloyd founded CommercePath, Inc., which launched the production fax market and became the leading supplier of production fax servers.

1975

Class Representative – Helen Pohlrig

Adrian Kalil has seen his third academic publication reach print. "Unintended Subdural Injection: A Complication of Epidural Anesthesia" can be found in the June 2006 issue of The Journal of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Volume 74, No. 3, and begins on page 209. Adrian is in his 26th year as a practicing certified registered nurse anesthetist with Northwest Permanente in Portland, Ore.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Deborah Barnes was appointed by Oregon governor Ted Kulongoski to the task force examining the importance of professional technical education in Oregon. She recently began her re-election campaign to the Milwaukie City Council and is in her 14th year as an instructor of media communications in the North Clackamas School District.

Frederick Lampe was awarded a doctorate in cultural anthropology from Syracuse University on May 14. In June, he and his wife, Diane (Lang '78) moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he serves as the Lutheran campus pastor at the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Nebraska and teaches the occasional course in anthropology.

Vickie (Pomeroy) Lackman is the new vice president of human resources at Bates Technical College, the largest technical college in Washington state. She lives in Gig Harbor.

1981

Class Representative – Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

David Perry was appointed the General Maxwell Taylor Chair of the Profession of Arms in January. He is a professor of ethics at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Penn.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Oneida (Battle) Blagg was appointed director of equal opportunity and outreach at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell in January 2005. She retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in November 2005 with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 24 years of service in the guard and reserve. Oneida was the founding program coordinator of the Tacoma/South Puget Sound MESA program.

1983

Class Representative – David Olson

Charlie Guildner has been promoted to senior vice president at Peoples Bank. He will continue to manage the bank's marine lending division and six home loan centers throughout Washington. Charlie is actively involved in his community, serving as a director on the Mount Vernon School Board, a member of the Bellingham Yacht Club and the Mount Vernon School District Facilities Committee, and founder and director of the Skagit Valley Volleyball Club.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Rod Nubgaard graduated from the National Defense University (ICAF) with a master's degree in national resource strategies with an information resources management certificate. ICAF prepares



select military and civilian personnel for strategic leadership. He also played on the school's successful varsity volleyball and soccer teams. As captain and coach, he led the soccer team to win the President's Cup Championship and co-championship of the Jim Thorpe Sports Day, a competition against other military service schools. He serves in the United States Coast Guard as an HR/IT resource director.

1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn (Plocharsky) Stelling

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Eric Niewohner manages the new Barnes & Noble bookstore in Fairbanks, Alaska. Last year he hired all of his managers and staff and brought in more than 200,000 different books and 20,000 compact discs before the store's March 15 opening.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby



Kristine (Kalivas) Tressler, a full-time online professor for Strayer University, received the Academic Leadership in Online Education Award from that school in May. She lives in Warrenton, Va., with her husband, Brian, who is a school administrator, and their daughters, Bailey Kristie, 8, Jessica Lynn, 6, and Nicola Juliette, 4.

Laurie (Baur) Sands is the managing director of taxes for Alaska Air Group. She oversees federal and state tax matters for Alaska Air Group and its two subsidiaries, Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air.

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray Scott

Matt Misterek, suburban team leader at The News Tribune in Tacoma, took third place in the Society of Professional Journalists West Region contest awards in May for a short feature he wrote from Mosul, Iraq.

Rod Hamlin is the new executive vice president of sales and marketing of LiteScape, Inc., a leading provider of Voice over IP business applications.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

David Rosdahl is the head coach of men's soccer at Emerald Ridge High School in Bonney Lake, Wash.

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

Nikki Poppen-Eagan is proud to announce the publication of her debut novel, *Dowager's Wager*, the first in a three-book Regency Romance series. She is a speech instructor at Tacoma Community College and lives in Puyallup, Wash., with her husband, **Scott '95**, and their three children, Rowan, 6, Catherine, 4, and Bronwyn, 1.

1991

Timothy Stein has established an independent private practice in Santa Rosa, Calif., as a marriage and family therapist. His Web site address is www.TimSteinMFT.com.

John Holcomb received the bronze star in January, when he returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq. He is a major in the U.S. Army at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews



Lisa McCormick married Colm Delaney on Aug. 19, 2005, in Seattle. **Daniel Erlander '62** officiated the outdoor ceremony. Eighteen PLU alumni attended and were an important part of the joyful day. Brother of the bride, **Tofa McCormick '94**, was a reader. Lisa is an instructor of English as a second language, and Colm is a Web site designer (www.cdelaney.com).

1993

Theresa (Campbell) Everest moved to Colorado in May 2005, when she was awarded a full scholarship through the Navy to earn her post-master's degree in the women's health nurse-practitioner program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She is on the Colorado State SANE advisory board to assist healthcare centers fund and develop sexual assault centers and train registered nurses in forensic assault examination throughout Colorado.

Cynthia Thompson, president of Mountain View Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Tacoma, was re-elected to a third term as secretary of the International Cemetery and Funeral Association. She is also a member of the association's board of directors and its sales and marketing committee.

Jay Cash serves with the United Nations mission to Ethiopia/Eritrea. His wife, **Nori Wendt '92**, and their children, Emma, 2, and Patrick, 10, are stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. For more about Jay's mission, go to <http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/news/documents/citizen/2006/050906.pdf>.

Michael Thompson is the corporate public relations and speakers bureau manager for the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Darren Cowl is the new chief of podiatry at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital, a part of the Mayo Health System in Mankato, Minn.

1995

Class Representatives – Krista Sickert-Bush and Stephanie Page-Lester

1996

Class Representative – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman

James Lamb and his wife, Lori, sensed God's prompting last October and took a leap of faith to begin renovating their home. In March, they left their jobs, sold their home in Monrovia, Calif., and returned to the Northwest, where they purchased a home in Federal Way, Wash. James is working as a temp at World Vision, while Lori stays home with their daughter, Rachel. James can be reached at tvjames@gmail.com.

Vicky Schauer served as an elected delegate at the annual Washington Education Association's annual regional assembly in Tacoma, representing the (Olympic) Peninsula Education Association. She is finishing her third year as a resource teacher at Key Peninsula Middle School in Lakebay, Wash., and is beginning work toward national board certification this fall. She lives in Gig Harbor.

1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Aaron Christian is the new head coach of women's basketball at Concordia University in Portland, Ore.

Kristin Phelps married Kosmas Kretsos on June 25, 2005 in a Methodist/Protestant ceremony in Thatcher, Ariz. The next day, the couple celebrated with a Greek



Orthodox ceremony in Scottsdale, Ariz. Both Kristin and Kosmas graduated from State University of New York-Buffalo in 2003. Kristin with a master's degree in Mediterranean archaeology, and Kosmas with a doctorate in chemical engineering. Kristin works for Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips and Kosmas works for Entelos. They live in San Mateo, Calif.

Brian Walker is the assistant principal at East Junior High School in Boise, Idaho.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Tara Nelson received her master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in government management from the Keller Graduate School of Management in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is an executive secretary for the Colorado state court administrator's office in Denver.



Tina Newman married Christopher Muller June 4 on the beach in Ocean Shores, Wash., with the theme from Dr. Seuss's book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* They live in New York, but look forward to the many places they will travel together. Fellow classmate **Wendy (Wesemann) Rygh** was the matron of honor. Tina is the internal communications manager in public relations at the national floral company, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, based in Carle Place, N.Y. Christopher is the director of security at the Co-op City Campus at The College of New Rochelle (N.Y.).

Brandon VanDyke is in his fourth year as the director of bands and orchestra at Tualatin (Ore.) High School. On April 7, his orchestra placed second at the Pac-9 Orchestra Festival and qualified for the Oregon State Orchestra Contest held in May. In December, Brandon will perform with the Oregon Symphonic Band at the 60th Annual Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Wendy Garrigues lost a lot in Hurricane Katrina, but has gained a new life and ministry, arisen from the debris. She has never been happier in her life. The ministry there is so sweet.

Kathryn Steinle married Danny Fernandez in August 2004 in Irvine, Calif. They are both teachers.

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Micah Warren married Carol Grady on June 11, 2005, in Seattle. Micah is a doctoral candidate and teaching assistant at the University of Washington and Carol is a therapist.

Nathan Swanson is a clinician at Longview (Wash.) Physical and Sports Therapy Services PS. He has a master's degree in physical therapy from the College of St. Catherine in Minneapolis, Minn., and is working on his doctorate.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer

Garrett Schroeder married Jennifer Lynn Blake on Dec. 17, 2005, in Portland, Ore. In the wedding party were **Erik Mortensen, Keith Pranghofer, and Brandon Bishop**. Garrett graduated in May from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Neb. He will complete his training in interventional radiology at OHSU in Portland, where Jennifer plans to study pediatric medicine.

Byung Chul An graduated from the University of Washington on June 9 with a master's degree in computing and software systems.

Nick Blizzard is a partner in his own business, Fluid Market Strategies, Inc., selling promotions to utility companies to save energy. The company runs an e-commerce Web site dedicated to selling energy-efficient products (www.energy-bright.com). He and his wife, **Dana (VanScheper '00)**, live in Portland, Ore.

John Parker was upgraded to international business jet captain/IGT/Challenger Type Rating on Oct. 1, 2005. He lives in Reno, N.V.

Leyna Oshiro married Nathan Okamura on Aug. 7, 2005, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Leyna is a commercial accountant for Castle and Cooke Hawaii, a real estate development company. Nathan is a plumbing apprentice. They live in Mililani, Hawaii.

Gordon Spry was inducted into the Tacoma-Pierce County Baseball Oldtimers Association Hall of Fame for meritorious service in the summer of 2005. His uncle, **Louis Spry '58**, was also inducted for the same honor.

2002

Class Representatives—Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Nicholas Lockey completed his master's degree in musicology at the University of Victoria (British Columbia) in 2004. Since then, he has presented papers at meetings of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Musicological Society, winning the chapter's award for best graduate paper in 2006. His article, "New Perspectives on Schubert's Symphonic Openings," was published in the 2006

issue of the journal "Musicological Explorations" (University of Victoria); his article "Formal Structure in Vivaldi's Variation Sets," will appear in the 2006 issue of the journal "StudiVivaldiani" (published by the Istituto Italiano Antonio Vivaldi in Venice, Italy). This fall he is entering the doctoral program in musicology at Princeton University, having accepted an offer of full financial support for five years.

Anna Buzard graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in June 2005 and passed the Washington state bar exam last fall. She works for Judge Thomas J. Wynne in Snohomish County (Wash.) Superior Court.

Mary Barber is an Episcopalian missionary at Cuttington College in Liberia. She is a nurse in the campus clinic and is a clinical instructor in the nursing program.

Lorien Southworth married Aaron Maples on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2005, in Monroe, Wash. Lorien is a private teacher for a seventh-grade student in California City, Calif. Aaron is a service consultant at an auto dealership in Valencia, Calif. They live in Lancaster, Calif.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman



Aaron Morrison was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army on June 28 at Fort Riley, Kan. He is in Fort Benning, Ga., until March to complete the captains' career course.

Sarah Hodgson graduated summa cum laude as class valedictorian from Whittier Law School on May 14. She is a member of the Whittier Law Review, in which she has been published, and has assisted one of her law professors in arguing a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Stephen and Sarah (Smith '04) Biggerstaff moved back to the Northwest from New York City in October 2005 and in May purchased their first home in Kent, Wash., where they live with their five cats, Sebastian, Mackenzie, Riley, Tessa and Adam.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

James Lehman, a graduate student at Western Washington University's Woodring College of Education, traveled to Poland this summer for the Auschwitz Jewish Center's student scholarship program. This program provides the opportunity to learn about the lives of Polish

Jews before, during and after WWII. Students develop projects on behalf of the center and work with Polish and German students, with the goal of dispelling stereotypes and promoting cross-cultural understanding.



Gwyneth Benson married Matthew Lang on Aug. 5, 2005, in Olympia, Wash. The wedding party included

Margaret Smith, Jessica Bruce, Kristin (Singer) Tinder '05, John Wells '02, and current PLU student Brian Benson '09. Other Lutes in attendance were **Ben and Marianne (Silviera) White, Jeremy Tinder, Jennifer (Shaw) Harris '03, Daphne Smith '03, Ben Harwood '02,** and many others, including the PLU admission counseling staff. Gwyneth is an admission counselor at PLU and Matthew is studying to become a youth pastor while working as a customer sales representative at Northwest Door.



Paul and Elizabeth (Morlan '06) Scott celebrated their first anniversary in August. Paul is the choral director at Enumclaw

High School, as well as the two middle schools in the district. Elizabeth is working on her master's degree in vocal performance at the University of Washington.

Sara Comstock received a master of science degree in social work from the University of Texas in Austin on May 20, 2004. She lives in Stratford, Iowa.

2005

Class Representative – Micheal Steele

Michael Doyle, a doctor who also holds a master's degree in business administration, is bound for Germany, where he will take command of the U.S. Army Health Clinic in Weisbaden, near Frankfurt.

Kathy Fellenstein joined Weyerhaeuser as the manager of transportation and safety compliance in March.



Carrie Thorpe married **Jason Andrew '02** October 15, 2005, at Faith Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Alumni in wedding party included **Stephanie Thompson, Jaime Fortescue, Emily (Laine) Thorpe '01** and **Zac Thorpe '01**. They live in Bonney Lake, Wash.



Dan Donohue married **Hillary Anderson** March 25 at Praise Covenant Church in Tacoma. Lutes in the wedding party included **Marie Keyzers,**

Pat Hearon, Shane Ennis, Matt Olson, Blaire Colbo '06, Shannon Newman-Linberg '06, Michelle (Axley) Johnson '01, Chad Johnson '00, Adam Walton '06, and current student Julianna Geddes '07.

Kara Brevet is the club manager for the Oakbrook Golf and Country Club in Tacoma.

Erin Anderson married Joseph Gwinn in Kennewick, Wash., on May 21, 2005. They live in Oceanside, Calif., where Erin is an office manager at Schoolhouse Dental and Joseph is a colonel in the United States Marine Corps.

In Memoriam

1935

Eldon Anderson on May 22.

1936

Marie (Johnson) Monson in April.

1939

Eleanor (Englund) Olson on Nov. 18.

1950

Grace (Rasmussen) Koester on April 10.

LeRoy Streng on March 5.

1951

Jack Justice on April 25.

1953

William Rieke on April 22.

1968

John Oakley on April 17.

2006

Eric Fergen on July 4.

Staff

Larry Nelson died on April 6 after a long battle with cancer. He joined the PLU community in 1988 as director of institutional research. During his years of service, he developed and expanded a number of research instruments used by the university, and was instrumental in continuing accreditation projects. He left PLU in 1999, continuing his career in research with the State of Washington. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and their daughter and her family.

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Despite the fact that **Iver Bätvik** grew up close to his future wife, **Hanne Ek '04**, in Oslo, Norway, the two did not meet until travel-

ing across the globe to attend PLU. They now make their home in Oslo. Iver's mother, Gerd Melsæter, taught for a year as an exchange professor from Norway in PLU's School of Nursing.

2006

Class Representative – Jenna Steffenson

Future Lutes

1950

Lawrence "Pete" and Beth (Gottwald) Peterson announce the birth of their first great-granddaughter, Alexis Marie Bunch, on Dec. 24, 2005.

1984



David Chun and his wife, Heidi, announce the birth of their son, David Marley, on May 3. Marley joins his big sister, Dakota, 9. David teaches fifth-

grade math at Iolani School in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Heidi is a systems analyst at Ceridian Corporation. David and college roommate, **Kevin Aoki '84**, can now grow really old together with their baby boys, who could be class of 2030 Lutes! If anyone is visiting Hawaii, give David a call at 808-224-5878, or drop him a note at PLULute@iolani.org. Go Lutes!

1990



Lisa Wade Rushing and Stephen Rushing '88 announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah, in May 2005. Lisa took a break in a 14-year teaching career to be a stay-at-home

mom. Stephen is a principal in the Bethel School District in Spanaway, Wash. They live in Puyallup.



Karen (Waltar) Faulkner and her husband, Tarn, announce the birth of their son, Ari Benjamin, on April 20. He joins Rowan, who is almost 3. Karen

works part time as a speech-language pathologist in long-term care and Tarn is a computer programmer. They live in Seattle.

1991



Karen (Thordarson) Hassen announces the birth of Charles Roy on May 30.

Scott Geibel and his wife, Rena, announce the birth of Anika Rae on Nov. 7, 2005, in Nairobi, Kenya. She joins big sister Amara, 2.

1992



Burley and Winona (Beckner) Kawasaki announce the arrival of Madeleine Elizabeth Winona on Nov. 5. She joins her brother Daniel, 6. They live in Redmond, Wash., where Burley works at Microsoft.

1993



Jeff and Britt (Miller '95) Scott announce the birth of Finnegan James on April 5. He joins Jackson Paul, 5 and Aidan Jeffrey, 3. They live in

Greenacres, Wash.



Julie (Miller) Jackson and her husband, Russ, announce the birth of Luke Quinn on Feb. 13. Julie is a pediatric nurse

at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Russ is a pilot for Skywest Airlines.



Mark and Hollie (Jantz '95) Eastman announce the birth of Liam Daniel on Dec. 1. Liam joins big brother Haden,

3. Mark teaches math and leadership at Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. Hollie is a stay-at-home mom and has a booth at The Farm Chicks Antique Show (as seen in Country Living Magazine) in Fairfield, Wash.



Kristen (Vold) Jaudon and her husband, David, welcomed Benjamin Thomas on March 29, 2005. He joins Emily Lynn, 3. Kristen

is a freelance graphic designer and stay-at-home mom. They live in Ballston Spa, N.Y.

1994

Alison Carl White and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Barrett James on May 7.

1995

Rachael (Gunn) Lord and her husband, George, welcomed their son, Nathaniel on Dec. 9, 2004. They live in Irwin, Penn.



David and Jennifer (Evans) Wallin welcomed Adelyn Faith on Oct. 17, 2004. After eight years with IBM in Washington, D.C., David

joined Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., where he works in the Global Trade Compliance Division. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom looking for a job in environmental consulting. They live in Bellevue, Wash., and are glad to be back in the Northwest!

1996



Sarah (Parker) Lewis and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Brook Elisabeth on Sept. 17, 2005. She joins her sister, Anna, 3.

Sarah and Mike are physical therapists.



Chris and Ileen (Kvale '98) Marien

announce the birth of their son, Andrew, on Dec. 17, 2005. They live in Boise, Idaho,

where Chris is a pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church.



Anne (Blackwell) Snieg and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of Nikolas Anthony on Nov. 29. Anne is a librarian at St.

Anthony's School in Milwaukee, Wis., and Tom is a Veteran's Administration representative. They live in Greenfield, Wis.



Kimberly (Mooneyham) Anderson and her husband, Jerry, announce the birth of their son, Quinn Henrick, on July

23, 2005. Kimberly is a long-term care product manager with Securian Financial Group/Minnesota Life Insurance in St. Paul, Minn.



Robert and Melissa (Davis '98) Koll are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Alison Violet, on Dec. 4th.



Amy Wigstrom and her husband, Joseph Sonnen, announce the birth of Zachary Wigstrom

Sonnen on June 9 at Tacoma General Hospital. They live in Tacoma, where Amy is the executive director of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra.

1997



Kristina (Hansen) Swenson and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of their first child, Katherine (Kate) Isabel, on November 8, 2005. They live in Chula Vista, Calif.

Brooke (Kloppenburg) Tuengel and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Brenna Joy on Dec. 30, 2005. She joins Bradley Jonathon, who is almost 2. They live in Redmond, Wash., where Brooke is a stay-at-home mom.



Mike Luinstra and his wife, Donna, welcomed their daughter, Madison Grace, on Aug. 26, 2005.

1998



Lindsay (Johnson) Williamson and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of Jonathan Dean

on Dec. 3. Lindsay is a registered renal dialysis nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma. They live in Bonney Lake, Wash.



Teal (Rainwater) Morse and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Cody Ryker on Dec. 21. Teal is a stay-at-home mom,

and Jason is an assistant principal in the Issaquah (Wash.) School District. They live in Covington, Wash.

Ryan and Katie (Tippett '99) Hoff

announce the birth of their daughter Amelia on Sept. 11, 2005. She joins Isabella, 3. They live in Pasco, Wash.



Lindsay (Nelson) Childers and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Drew Michael, on May 8.

Lindsay is the compensation and benefits manager for Comcast Cable's Oregon/Southwest Washington market. Michael is a regional operations manager with FedEx Ground. They live in Tigard, Ore.

1999



Angie (Lucas) Hayes, and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Eli Gregory on April 13. He joins Owen Matthew, 2. They live in Milwaukie, Ore.



Torey and Lisa (Anderson) Swanson announce the birth of their son, Quinn Anders, on Dec. 12, 2005,

in Mount Vernon, Wash.

2000



Wai and Cecily Chan announce the birth of their daughter, Danice, on Dec. 26, 2005, in Hong Kong. She joins Nicole, 5. Cecily is a marriage

and family therapist in a counseling center in Kowloon, and Wai is a director of NextOffice, a software company.



Laura (Ritchie) and Geoff '01 Gifford announce the birth of Meredith Jane on March 27. They live in Newberg, Ore.



Sarah (Goesch) Chandler and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their second son, Levi James, on Jan.

26. Levi's brother, Luke William (May 25-26, 2004), watches over him from heaven. Sarah is a full-time mom, while Jeff is a consulting engineer at Kennedy/Jenks. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash.



Bob Meek and his wife, Liza, welcomed Nolan Jacob on Aug. 10, 2005. Bob is a theatre and choral director

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at Ridgefield (Wash.) High School. After a career in interior design, Liza is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Vancouver, Wash.

2001

Shawn Jennison and his wife, Jodi, announce the birth of Austin Allen on March 10. Shawn is a writer/producer at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood, Wash. They live in University Place.

2002

Brian and Jamie (Gabriel '99) Farman welcomed their daughter, Brynna, on Aug. 22, 2004. The couple married on July 5, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento, Calif. PLU alumni in the wedding included **Aimee Sieverkropp-Dubbs '01** and **Melanie Doty '00**. **Stacey (Snowden) Ostrin** and **Susan Andresen** were in attendance. Jamie is a seventh-grade reading teacher with Everett (Wash.) Public Schools, and Brian is a police officer with the Kirkland (Wash.) Police Department.



Jordan Hartman and his wife, Crystal (Pollock) Hartman, welcomed Abigail Christine to the family on June 2. Jordan is PLU's campus photographer, while

Crystal is a current PLU student pursuing a degree in math. Abigail joins big brother Carter, 3.



Erik and Christa (Bogue) Dordal announce the birth of their son, Elijah Dallas, on Jan. 3. They live in Spokane.

2003

Nichole (Biesecker) Harris and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of their son, Kaden, on Nov. 20, 2005. Nichole is a teacher in the Clover Park School District. They live in Puyallup, Wash.



Olga (Disko) Kimbrel and her husband, Jack, announce the birth of Preston Lee on Feb. 7. Olga is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, and Jack is a tile setter. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

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Jennifer Wagner, Marc and Susan Wagner
Judith Weber, Lee and Valerie Weber
Amanda Wilkins, Ker and Linda Wilkins
Justin Williams, Douglass Williams '80 and Kathryn Harris-Williams '80
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PORTLAND December 1, 2006, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
SEATTLE December 2, 2006, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
TACOMA December 3, 2006, 8 p.m. Olban Auditorium, PLU

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the arts

Selections from PLU's literary magazine, Saxifrage

Still Sundays

BY STEPHANIE TAKASE '05

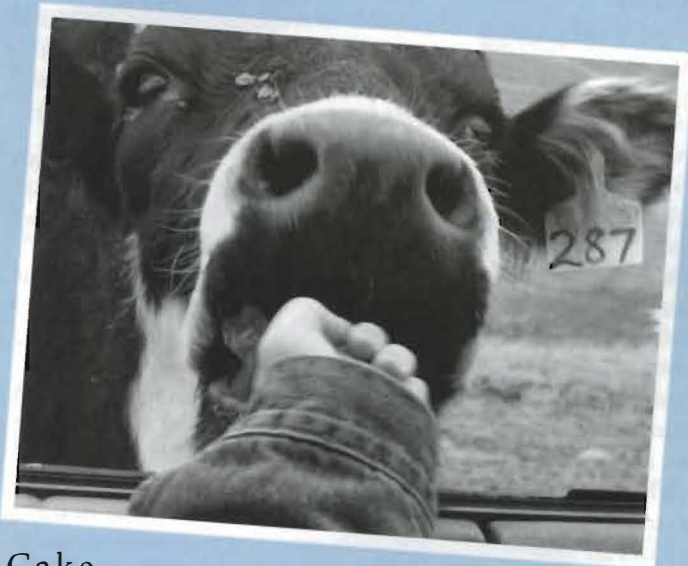
I watch each week as the sermon starts
and they bow their heads and ask me to be still.
They press their palms together,
driving salt and sweat
deep into the divining lines
that crease their cracking skin and buckled brows.
Their eyes, pinched tight as pages
read by rote their prayers
before them, the incessant typing
of their tongues,
printing each word across their teeth.
With questioning spines they lean
against the facing pews,
all faces to the floor, and
want and wait and wake
into the bustling stillness.



Koi at the Dole Plantation

BY BRETT AARON PATTERSON '08

Digital photograph



Cake

BY ABBY FAGAN '08

Digital photograph

Coping

BY J.P. KEMMICK '07

To drown out the noise
of his fighting parents
he would put in the
“How to mime like a pro”
video he bought on eBay for \$19.99
(plus \$2.00 shipping and handling)
And while doors slammed
and voices reached a deafening pitch,
he would build an invisible soundproof box
and simply sit there
and ignoring the video's instructions,
would make no effort to get out

perspective

Spirituality at work: fad or substance?



Bringing spirituality to work has nothing to do with religion, according to Linda Gibson, associate professor of management.

By Linda Gibson

Spirituality in the workplace is a model of organizational culture that is on the rise in the United States.

It's not about employment law and religious accommodation, nor is it about any organized religion or theology. It's the recognition that promoting, supporting and embracing a positive environment for the whole person can be good for business – and it's affecting the practices of many organizations, including the technology products and services giant, Hewlett-Packard. Many other companies, from Boeing to Wal-Mart, have actively participated in or held conferences on the subject.

The leading example of a spiritually oriented organization may be Southwest Airlines, well known for its people-based culture and values focus. The unique corporate culture there has contributed to bottom-line results and consistent profitability for Southwest, which has extremely low employee turnover rates and labor costs per miles flown, with on-time arrivals and few customer complaints.

Is the rise of spirituality at work a fad, or does it have substance?

The inner life of the workforce

Over the past decade, there has been a

growing acknowledgment among corporations that: employees have an inner life, which is most often separated from their work environment; employees need to find meaning, purpose and vocation in their work to fully utilize their gifts or calling; and, spiritually sensitive organizations can and should provide the means (context, community, environment) to allow the expression and growth of the spiritual side of their employees, managers and leaders. There is even recent evidence that such spiritually sensitive companies experi-

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